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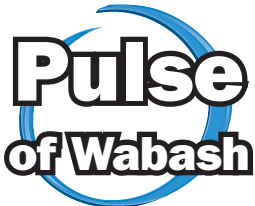
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## Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

## Laketon American Legion Post offering breakfast and lunch

The Laketon American Legion Post will be offering breakfast and lunch from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020. The Blue Bird Cafe will be closed.

## BMV announces holiday hours

Branches will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020 in observance of the New Year's holiday. All branches will resume regularly scheduled business hours beginning Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020. For a complete list of branch locations and hours, to complete an online transaction, or to find a 24-hour BMV Connect kiosk near you visit [IN.gov/BMV](http://IN.gov/BMV).

## First Day Hike planned at Salamonie Lake

Join Upper Wabash Interpretive Services' staff for a First Day Hike at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020 at Salamonie Lake at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Meet at the interpretive center for a one-hour stroll through the woods along the moderate Tree Trail. Dress for the weather. Families and friendly dogs on leashes welcome. Advance registration is requested by calling 260-468-2127.

## Honeywell Foundation's Annual Winter Bash draws near

The Annual Winter Break Bash, hosted by the Honeywell Foundation, will take place Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020 and Friday, Jan. 3, 2020 at various Honeywell Foundation venues including the Honeywell Center and Charley Creek Gardens. For more information about Winter Bash,

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# New Purdue extension educator on starting a new role

Geoff Schortgen began his job Dec. 8

BY ROB BURGESS  
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Geoff Schortgen said that while he grew up on a small family farm in Allen County, his love of agriculture and horticulture bloomed when he worked his first real job in high school at Blue River Nursery in Columbia City.

"The owner there had quite a few different plants, so that kind of piqued my interest

with green things," he said in a recent phone interview.

After earning his undergraduate and master's degrees at Purdue University, Schortgen's new job will allow him to explore his natural interests.

Last month, Joshua Winrotte, Howard County Purdue Extension educator for 4-H youth development, confirmed Schortgen would be the new Purdue Extension Wabash County agricultural and natural resources educator beginning Sunday, Dec.

8. The open position now being filled by Schortgen was created by the October retirement of Curt Campbell.

Schortgen said his expertise mostly involves "weed sciences, turf sciences and a little bit of plant biology." But, he said he's always willing to continue his education into new areas.

"The amount of information out there for us educators to use has been great.

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**EDUCATOR:** Geoff Schortgen is the new Purdue Extension Wabash County agricultural and natural resources educator. PHOTO PROVIDED



PHOTO BY ROB BURGESS / Plain Dealer

**MEET:** Dan Meek is the new northern Indiana "entrepreneur-in-residence" for Elevate Ventures.

## Meeting the 'entrepreneur-in-residence'

Dan Meek is the new regional representative for Elevate Ventures

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When people seeking investors for their business idea ask Dan Meek for advice, he said he tells them to ask questions and surround themselves with those who want to help.

He said he also has to warn people away from being too caught up in one idea.

"They say you should be very passionate about what you do," he said. "That's awesome and people recognize that but also have the passion to know when the idea may not be a good business opportunity. Fish (or) cut bait. Get out. Find the next thing you can find passion with. The person that brings that passion to

an idea can bring it to many ideas."

Meek is the new northern Indiana "entrepreneur-in-residence" for Elevate Ventures.

Earlier this month, Meek was at Manchester University's Jo Young Spitzer Center for one of three meet-and-greet roadshows in the region. This was the stop for Huntington, Kosciusko, Wabash and Whitley counties. Two more such stops were planned for Kendallville and Fort Wayne.

"We're trying to get it spread out so he can meet different people and whoever wants to know more about Elevate, what we do, what he can do to help entrepreneurs or local start-

ups," said Alisha Estabrook, senior manager of conferences and events.

Elevate Ventures is a venture development organization that began Oct. 2, 2017, as a result of the \$2.5 million partnership with the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership.

Meek's role will involve coaching, mentoring and assisting region entrepreneurs. Other "entrepreneurs-in-residence" are also stationed around the state.

"The idea is if you're from one of those areas you don't have to go to Indy to get help," said Estabrook. "You have someone local you can talk to you, you can get resources from him. And he's also going to be

a champion for your business if you do come to pitch your company to us to get money."

Meek said his background is mostly involved with early-stage investments, and most of those were focused on the life sciences and medical device fields.

He said when he looks at entrepreneurs' ideas, he usually tries to focus on those who know their market space.

"That usually grabs the attention of investors," he said. "My experience is if you find an entrepreneur that really knows the market space, chances are, they've got a good product or service that's going to fit that market space."

# INFB members, counties honored for efforts to grow membership base

Mark York of Wabash County awarded for recruiting 13 new members

## STAFF REPORT

During a reception held for award winners at the Indiana Farm Bureau state convention earlier this month in French Lick, six Farm Bureau members, including Mark York of Wabash County, were honored for their efforts to promote membership in the organization, according to a press release.

County Farm Bureaus also were recognized for exemplary membership retention and growth achievements.

The Top Performer award

is presented to INFB volunteers who sign 10 or more new voting members during the program year, and the Premier Performer award is presented to the volunteer who signed the highest number of voting members for the organization.

This year's Premier Performer is Harold Kleine of Allen County. Kleine is consistently a top performer. In fact, this is the fifth year in a row that he has received the Premier Performer award. This year, Kleine signed 28 new voting members, who members actively involved

in agriculture. Since 2015, he has signed more 330 INFB members.

Six volunteers, including Kleine, were honored as Top Performers this year. Those members are Charlie Houin, Marshall County, 23 members; Jan Uhlman-siek, Dearborn County, 19 members; Mark York, Wabash County, 13 members; Karen Duckworth, Morgan County, 10 members; and Susan Brocksmith, Knox County, 10 members.

County Farm Bureaus also were recognized for their efforts in retaining and growing INFB membership. The District Defender award was presented to county Farm Bureaus who

retain 96 percent or more of the voting members in their county and recruit the most new members. This year's winners are Allen County, District 2; Tippecanoe County, District 3; Huntington County, District 4; Fountain County, District 5; Madison County, District 6; Sullivan County, District 7; Brown County, District 8; Gibson County, District 9; and Jackson County, District 10.

The Superior Defender award, presented to the county that hit the retention mark and whose volunteer members signed the highest number of new memberships, went to Allen County Farm Bureau.

## Indiana Securities Division announces top investor threats

Promissory notes, real estate investments, Ponzi schemes top list

## Staff Report

The Indiana Securities Division released its annual list of top investor threats and reminded Hoosiers to use caution when approached with any unsolicited investment opportunities, according to a press release.

The top threats were determined by surveying members of the North American Securities Administrators Association, of which the Securities Division is a member, to identify the most frequently identified source of current investor complaints or investigations. The following were cited most often:

- Promissory notes.
- Ponzi schemes.
- Real estate-related investments.
- Cryptocurrency-related investment products.
- Social media/internet-based investment schemes.

"It is important for investors to understand what they are investing in and who they are investing with. Don't fall for promises of guaranteed high returns with little to no risk or deals pitched with a false sense of urgency or limited availability," stated Connie Lawson, Indiana secretary of state. "Before you ring in the New Year, resolve to protect your money from fraudulent investments and those who may be trying to fleece you."

The Indiana Securities Division offers a wealth of free investor education materials through its Indiana MoneyWise program, and can help investors research the background of those selling or advising the purchase of an investment.

"All investments involve a degree of risk. Investors can help protect themselves by taking time to research both the investment product and the person selling it. Being proactive is key because once the money is gone, it is very difficult to recover," stated Alex Glass, Indiana Securities commissioner.

For more information, call 317-232-6681 or visit [securities.sos.in.gov](http://securities.sos.in.gov).



# New record store brings vinyl back to Evansville music fans

BY BROOK ENDALE  
Evansville Courier & Press

EVANSVILLE — Despite constant innovations in music streaming, vinyl records have shown real staying power over the years.

Through the eras of Napster, iTunes and Spotify, older generations helped keep vinyl alive, and millennials are discovering the joy of endlessly sifting through records at a store and the experience of finding sounds of a different era.

It’s been adding momentum to a true vinyl revival. In 2019, records are poised to outsell CDs for the first time since 1986, according to the Recording Industry Association of America.

A close-to-home sign of the resurgence is the opening of Space Monkey Records at 1201 East Riverside Drive.

Owner Patrick Holl opened the store in August and is already impressed by the community’s response. He said he’s seen customers of all ages walk through his doors.

Holl has two passions in life: music and comedy. After he retired from a 20-year career as a local DJ playing hundreds of weddings throughout the Tri-State area, the next step for Holl was to open a shop that reflected his interests.

That’s how Space Monkey Records was born. In addition to records, the store sells everything from comic books to shirts and cards

with humorous musings on them, music posters, stickers and body jewelry.

When customers first walk in the store, their senses are instantly engaged. The smell of burning incense wafts through the store. Classics play over the speakers, and the walls are decorated with rock ‘n’ roll memorabilia.

Holl was inspired by nostalgia for his teenage years, when he first stepped inside FolzCity Boutique and record store.

“I’m sixteen years old and I walk in this place, and here is a store you get bombarded with the sights and the smell. There’s music playing and there’s carpet on the walls. And I had never been into a store that spoke to me,” said Holl.

“What an experience for a young person; it was just the best. I mean here was a store to me for me and my friends, it was incredible. It makes an impression on me to this very day.”

FolzCity was a popular store in downtown Evansville in the 1970s run by Robert Folz who also owned Funky’s, a popular disco nightclub.

Holl wants his customers to have the same reaction he had when he first stepped foot into FolzCity.

He describes his store as being 10 percent museum, 10 percent art gallery, 10 percent rock ‘n’ roll shrine 70 percent the most awesome display of vintage vinyl

records and rock n’ roll eye candy since the early days of FolzCity Boutique.

He finds unique memorabilia and music art to hang inside the store to serve an educational purpose. Often, it sparks conversations with his customers, which he loves.

“I’m just delighted with the caliber of the people who come in. They’re music enthusiasts from every creed and walk of life. They’re just music lovers,” said Holl.

“I love talking to the customers about their music interests and their travels and the musicians that they have met and the concerts that they have been to. One guy the other day was telling how he went to Liverpool to see Paul McCartney perform, and the list goes on and on. It’s just incredible.”

Holl’s favorite genre is classic rock, but he carries records of all genres in his store. Space Monkey currently stocks 75,000 vintage records and keeps adding to the collection.

Going along with the pursuit of having fun, Holl has added a large backdrop with cutouts of iconic musicians such as Prince fitted with a microphone and guitar that visitors can pose with for a photo.

Space Monkey Records’ hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. The store is closed on Mondays.

# Opinion says Indiana gun rights restored after expungements

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana residents who’ve had felony convictions expunged from their criminal records are eligible, in most circumstances, to again buy and obtain a license to carry guns, according to an opinion from the state attorney general’s office.

The opinion issued this month says neither state nor federal law limits gun ownership or possession by former felons who have their civil rights restored through expungement. The opinion responded to a question from an Indiana State Police lawyer about the gun rights of people who’ve had criminal charges removed from their records by a judge several years after those convictions, The (Northwest Indiana) Times reported.


The question arose because one section of Indiana law declares a license to carry a handgun “shall not” be issued to any person who has been convicted of a felony, even though another Indiana Code section expressly classifies someone with an

expunged felony conviction as a “proper person” eligible for a license to carry a handgun in public.

The Indiana Legislature sought through expungement to give residents convicted of certain crimes a second chance by fully restoring their civil rights, including those to own a gun and hold public office, said the opinion by Republican

Attorney General Curtis Hill’s office.


Likewise, the opinion said corresponding federal gun ownership restrictions on felons, except for domestic violence convictions, are lifted following expungement because Indiana law does not impose any additional firearm restrictions once a person’s criminal record is wiped clean.



**Roxy 5 Showtimes for Friday, December 27- Thursday, January 2**  
*All showtimes have Closed Captioning available.*

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| <b>Star Wars: Episode IX- The Rise of Skywalker in 2D (PG13)</b><br>Fri- Sat: 12:25, 3:25, 6:10, 6:50, 9:10, 9:55<br>Sun- Thurs: 12:25, 3:25, 6:10, 6:50 | <b>Spies in Disguise (PG)</b><br>Fri- Sat: 12:45, 3:45, 6:40, 9:30<br>Sun- Thurs: 12:45, 3:45, 6:40             |
| <b>Little Women (PG)</b><br>Fri- Sat: 12:35, 3:35, 6:30, 9:40<br>Sun- Thurs: 12:35, 3:35, 6:30   | <b>Jumanji: The Next Level in 2D (PG13)</b><br>Fri- Sat: 1:10, 4:05, 7:05 10:05<br>Sun- Thurs: 1:10, 4:05, 7:05 |
| <b>Frozen II in 2D (PG)</b><br>Fri- Thurs: 12:55, 3:55   |   |

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## Dinner with Cole Porter

Fri. Jan. 24 - 6 pm

*It's delightful! It's delovely! You won't want to miss the opportunity to dine with Cole Porter in celebration of Mark Honeywell's 145th birthday. Cole Porter (Jason Gornto) will keep things lively at the piano following dinner. \$40 per person (includes tax and gratuity)*

## Gourmet Dinner & Chamber Music Series

*Sponsored by Douglas C. Lehman P.C.*

Pianist Ani Gogova - Tues. Feb. 25 at 6 pm

Opus Two: Violin & Piano - Tues. March 24 at 6 pm






Saxophonist Heidi Radtke - Tues. May 5 at 6 pm

*Multi-course dining followed by an intimate chamber music performance. \$55 per performance or \$150 for all three.*

For event reservations please call 260.563.1102 or visit [www.honeywellhouse.org](http://www.honeywellhouse.org)





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### 5-Day Weather Summary

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| <br><b>Saturday</b><br>Scattered Rain<br>55 / 47 | <br><b>Sunday</b><br>Rain Likely<br>60 / 36 | <br><b>Monday</b><br>Rain & Snow Possible<br>37 / 30 | <br><b>Tuesday</b><br>Mostly Cloudy<br>33 / 23 | <br><b>Wednesday</b><br>Partly Cloudy<br>38 / 30 |
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#### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 5:27 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 8:11 a.m.

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| <br>First<br>1/2 | <br>Full<br>1/10 | <br>Last<br>1/17 | <br>New<br>1/24 |
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#### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 45% chance of scattered rain, high temperature of 55°, humidity of 77%. East southeast wind 6 to 11 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 100% chance of rain, overnight low of 47°. South southeast wind 11 to 16 mph.

# Daughter traumatized by rappers’ deaths

**DEAR HARRIETTE:** My daughter loves rap music, and she is very upset right now. She says that her favorite artists keep dying. She went to a music festival a couple of months ago, and one of the artists, Juice Wrld, just died, possibly from an accidental overdose. About a year ago, another of her favorite artists, X X X T e n - t a c i o n , was murdered, just like another one who was trying to do good in his neighborhood, Nipsey Hussle.



My daughter is having a hard time processing so much death. She is a teenager, and life for them usually seems more fun than tragic. How can I console her and warn her at the same time? – Facing Tragedy

**DEAR FACING TRAGEDY:** Death is hard to handle at any age, but especially when people you admire die so young. Talk to your daughter about her grief. Even though she did not know these artists, she and her friends probably feel a certain closeness to them because of their fame.

Use the moment to teach your daughter about being safe and making smart choices. Young people often don’t realize how dangerous prescription and illegal drugs can be. Talk to her about why she should not use drugs. Point out what you can verify about people who have died from overdoses. Don’t threaten her. Just call attention to the facts as you know them. Try not to focus on the artists who have died. Leave their memories at peace. Talk to your daughter about her choices, including what she puts into her body and where she goes. Reminding her about personal safety is essential as she spends more time out and about on her own.

**DEAR HARRIETTE:** I’m so worried about being with family this Christmas. We are a large family, and we’re even larger when you take into account all of the in-laws.

Even in normal times we fight over politics, money – you name it. One of the grandmothers loves to meddle in the young folks’ business. The list goes on and on. My worry is that the discussions and debates could get ugly this year. We have conservatives and liberals in our family, and just as the country is divided, so is our family. Do you think there is anything I can say or do to get the family to avoid fighting? – Make a Truce

**DEAR MAKE A TRUCE:** Call to remind everyone of the time that you will gather. Suggest that you will do things differently as a family this year. Invite family members to stay positive all day – no matter what.

Whenever they feel like criticism is bubbling up, recommend that somebody change the subject. You can make it a game. Whoever is able to pivot away from the most fights gets a prize – perhaps some food item that they love.

If things do get tense during the day, encourage people to walk away from the conversation rather than jump into an argument. If you keep vigilant, preferably along with another cousin or sibling, this just may work!

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### READERS' CHOICE REPORTS

#### THURSDAY'S LOTTERIES

Cash 5  
09-17-18-19-41  
Estimated jackpot: \$105,000  
Cash4Life  
02-11-29-44-59, Cash Ball: 2  
Daily Three-Midday  
1-5-5, SB: 3  
Daily Three-Evening  
5-1-5, SB: 5  
Daily Four-Midday  
7-2-0-3, SB: 3  
Daily Four-Evening  
7-5-1-4, SB: 5  
Mega Millions  
Estimated jackpot: \$50 million  
Powerball  
Estimated jackpot: \$200 million

#### FRIDAY'S METALS

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| Aluminum..... | .81      |
| Copper.....   | 2.81     |
| Lead.....     | .86      |
| Zinc.....     | 1.03     |
| Gold.....     | 1,512.76 |
| Silver.....   | 17.92    |
| Platinum..... | 946.83   |

#### AREA GRAIN

Estimated grain prices  
Friday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: \$4.07. Soybeans: \$9.26.



‘It’s all history now’

For several months in 1897 and 1898 the Wabash River, which flows through the heart of our town, was the most famous river in America. The river’s name was on the lips of millions of people, and it was all because of a song that swept this country and much of Europe.

Pete Jones



The song was a ballad, with a tune that seemed easy to sing and with lyrics that were sentimental and somewhat reflective of the era in which they were written.

The song was, of course, “On the Banks of the Wabash, Far Away.” Paul Dresser, the song’s composer, grew up along the Wabash River at Terre Haute where the river is considerably bigger and more impressive than it is here.

If there was ever an opportune time to write a hit song it was in 1893, just when the phonograph was becoming a household fixture. Dresser’s song was published first as sheet music, but it was also among the first songs to be recorded.

In today’s parlance, “On the Banks of the Wabash, Far Away” was a smash hit. Sales of sheet music for the song topped 500,000 in the first year alone, and there was a growing demand for recordings of the tune. It soon was heard in theaters across America, and it became a constantly requested number in restaurants where there were pianists and small orchestras.

When the song was at the height of its popularity, some passengers on Big Four trains that stopped at the station here at what is now Paradise Spring Historical Park disembarked and made a quick dash to the stream just to be able to say that they had stood “on the banks of the Wabash.” The success of “On the Banks of the Wabash, Far Away” made its composer a famous man, perhaps even more famous than his brother, Theodore Dreiser, who was a popular novelist. It is said that the difference in the spelling of the family name is the result of a spat between the two brothers.

At least one prominent critic wrote that Dresser was the new Stephen Foster and that “On the Banks of the Wabash, Far Away” was the new “Way Down Upon the Swanee River.”

The song remained popular for more than a decade. In 1913, the Indiana General Assembly declared it Indiana’s official state song. Paul Dresser’s career as a music publisher, composer and lyricist turned sour and he filed for bankruptcy. A firm that bought the assets of Dresser’s company sold certain rights to Ballard MacDonald and James Hanley, who incorporated elements of “On the Banks of the Wabash, Far Away” in a new song of their own, “Back Home Again in Indiana.”

It wasn’t long until the new song eclipsed that of Dresser’s. Several recordings of “Back Home Again in Indiana,” including some popular jazz versions, made it the more popular number.

Eventually, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway adopted “Back Home Again in Indiana” as its pre-race anthem, perhaps taking a cue from the Kentucky Derby’s use of “My Old Kentucky Home,” and Dresser’s song began to gather dust.

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Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to meet

Staff Report

Wabash County’s Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14 at the Grandstaff Hent-

gen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave., according to a press release.

The program will be presented by Beverly Ferry, CEO, Living Well in Wabash County.

“She will update the features of the Wabash County Transportation Service available to Wabash County residents,” stated the release.

Prospective members and

guests are always welcome to attend.

DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution.

Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org), or call Linda Thompson at 260-563-4661 or Barbara Amiss at 260-982-4376.

Indiana’s worst environmental disaster, 20 years later

BY SARAH BOWMAN  
The Indianapolis Star

ANDERSON — Twenty years later, Jim Hensley still remembers that call.

The longtime machinist was sitting in the shop of the Guide Corp. plant in Anderson, which was then one of the country’s largest manufacturers of headlights and taillights for cars. Hensley was tinkering with pumps and such when the phone rang.

Juhl Baker, a co-worker Hensley had known for 40 years, said he had just been fired.

But the firing isn’t what made Baker angry. Baker, who has since deceased, was outraged at what the company was about to do. Under pressure to meet deadlines, company officials were planning to dump thousands of gallons of wastewater laden with toxic chemicals into the White River.

Baker had refused to go along, and they fired him.

Days later, the news broke. Dead fish started lining the river banks, piling up in front of dams. Environmental officials responded. While others were puzzled about the cause, Hensley knew exactly what had happened.

“They put a lot of stuff in that river that never should have been there,” said Hensley, now 83. “And they knew it was bad.”

This December marks the 20-year anniversary of what was often referred to as “the Guide spill,” which many call the worst environmental disaster in Indiana’s history. More than 4 million fish were killed along a 50-mile stretch of the White River from Anderson through downtown Indianapolis.

Still, Kevin Hardie doesn’t like calling it a spill. This wasn’t an accident or something that broke, said the executive director of the nonprofit Friends of the White River. Investigations ultimately found that it was a deliberate act – company officials knew it would pollute the river and did it anyway.

The lessons of Indiana’s biggest fish kill – found in thousands of pages of court documents, dozens of newspaper clips, and the vivid memories of people who were there – remain relevant two decades later. It took more than a decade of concerted effort by government and community groups for aquatic life to rebound in the river. But one thing could be said: Indiana, which is not known as a bastion of environmental stewardship, responded.

Today, civic groups remain active in trying to clean up the river. Government has new systems in place. Lawsuits have forced cities to redesign infrastructure to keep sewage and other contamination out of the water. And water quality in the White River is continuing to improve. Such measures go a long way, experts say, to decreasing the likelihood of another massive fish kill.

Still, the risk remains. Guide, after all, was not a spill; it was a criminal act. So state officials put measures in place specifically designed to respond to such events and created a fish kill biologist position.

The question, say those close to the issue, is whether such measures will remain in place when the next incident occurs. And will the public continue its stewardship of the river, not condoning any crime against it?

It was before dawn on Christmas Eve of 1999, and Hardie and a friend had the White River to themselves. They bobbed in their boat on a stretch in Hamilton County as they waited and watched for ducks. But as the sky’s darkness wore off, a cold

front began to punch through.

Hardie could feel the weather changing, as though the air around them, not just the water, began to freeze. They started to paddle up river, heading in for the day.

The water was low, and very clear, which was common for that time of year. But the behavior of the fish was unusual.

“They weren’t floating yet. Some were swimming, the best I can describe it, like they were swimming under the influence,” Hardie said. “Other smaller fish looked like they were stunned, just static in the water.” He remembered arriving to a blinking light on his friend’s voicemail machine. There were nearly a dozen messages from people farther north upriver saying something wasn’t right.

But Baker and Hensley knew something was wrong nearly two weeks earlier. And the wheels of what ultimately led to the toxic discharge had actually been set in motion months before that.

It started in the summer of 1999, after Guide Corp. split from GM Automotive. Part of that agreement required Guide to shut down the metal plating operations – the process of coating parts with metal – by the end of the year. Guide also was supposed to turn over its wastewater treatment plant back to GM within three months after that.

The plant was built 30 years earlier to treat the wastewater generated from plating onsite. Once the water was treated to and reached certain levels, it was then discharged to the public Anderson treatment plant.

In anticipation of shuttering the plating line, Guide amped up production to stockpile lighting parts. But to make its deadline, the company stopped plating on Sept. 29 and started cleaning the tanks on Oct. 3, according to a lawsuit the state of Indiana and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency brought against Guide in 2000.

Already, Guide was in trouble. Both ramping up and shutting down production would alter Guide’s normal discharges to the Anderson plant. The company was required by law and its permit to notify Anderson officials and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of the changes. But the company had not done so.

Guide began to use its wastewater treatment plant to treat the sludge and chemicals in its tanks and equipment. Some of the tanks had not been cleaned in more than eight years and had a layer of “thick yellow sludge” on the bottom as much as three inches deep. That sludge was believed to be lead chromate, a suspected human carcinogen.

The sludge was washed away with high pressure hoses and into the treatment plant, which created a highly concentrated solution of toxic chemicals – levels that those in charge of the plant had never cleaned before, according to the lawsuit.

Guide tried to treat “heavily contaminated wastewater” rather than disposing of it at a licensed hazardous waste disposal facility. That “set into motion a predictable chain reaction of events leading to the massive fish kill in the White River, which was completely preventable,” the lawsuit said.

Around Nov. 22, Guide officials found that the typical treatment process was failing to remove the metals from the wastewater with this highly concentrated solution of toxic chemicals. Also around that time, Anthonette Miller – Guide’s Senior Environmental Engineer who oversaw the wastewater treatment plant – ordered that the clarifier be shut down.

The clarifier is an important

tank: It lets the metals settle out of the wastewater as the final stage of treatment before discharging to the public Anderson plant. That process normally takes about eight to 10 days, but without the clarifier, wastewater was allowed to settle for only two to four hours – just 2 percent of the time. This meant the metals did not fully separate.

Different methods were tried to treat the wastewater, according to the suit, including running it through a double layer of burlap sacks. Another strategy was to up the treatment chemicals.

Guide had used the chemical HMP-2000 in its treatment process for nearly 10 years, and its officials knew it was “highly toxic to aquatic life” if not used carefully.

In fact, Miller met with distributors in 1995 to discuss the dangers of using HMP-2000 and that it shouldn’t be discharged directly to the Anderson treatment plant. And a 1997 safety sheet for the chemical said there are “no methods to completely eliminate the toxicity this product has on aquatic environments.” So it was important to minimize its adverse effects.

Yet two years after receiving that warning, on Dec. 7, 1999, Miller and John Deaton of Crown Environmental Group, a consultant to help at the wastewater treatment plant, decided to increase the amount of HMP-2000. During that month, Guide placed more than 50 calls for rush orders of chemicals, including HMP-2000.

Between Dec. 8 and Dec. 17 of that year, Guide used nearly 10,000 gallons of the chemical – more than the total used by the company in all of 1998. In one tank on Dec. 9, for example, Miller and her officials used four times the HMP-2000 needed to treat the wastewater.

“If you picture a five-gallon drum, that is what Guide was allowed to send through to the Anderson plant,” said Beth Admire, an attorney at IDEM who was the agency’s chief of staff at the time of the kill. “They were sending tanker trucks full of it.”

Miller did not face any criminal charges, nor did any other individuals at the company. She declined to comment on her decisions and actions for this story, saying she wasn’t interested in talking to anyone about anything related to Guide. “I don’t think anybody here is even interested,” she told IndyStar.

But Baker, who died in 2003, refused to follow Miller’s orders. He objected to shutting down the clarifier, saying it was the last “safety cushion” and would be dangerous, according to the lawsuit. He also wouldn’t discharge the “excessive and unreasonable” amounts of HMP-2000 to the Anderson plant.

That’s when he was fired on Dec. 15, 1999, and that’s when he called Hensley. Baker knew it would kill fish – and he would rather be fired than kill fish, Hensley said.

The first reports of dead fish came into the Indiana Department of Natural Resources on Dec. 16, and into IDEM on Dec. 18. The two agencies launched their joint investigation on Dec. 20.

John Bundy was one of those first individuals to notify officials. He lives just down the river from the Anderson plant in Strawtown, where he runs his business making duck decoys.

It was a beautiful sunny day, and someone was visiting his property to scout for goose hunting. That man suddenly ran into Bundy’s office to tell him about a feeding frenzy where Pipe Creek flows into the White River. But Bundy knew something wasn’t right as soon as he saw large and

small mouth bass together.

“They weren’t in a feeding frenzy,” he said. “They were in their death throes. They were starving for oxygen.”

The White River was a toxic cocktail. The Anderson treatment plant couldn’t handle the chemicals from Guide, so the wastewater ultimately was released into the river. Once there, it broke down into other chemicals – one known as thiram – that is even more toxic than the original HMP-2000. The toxins also wreaked havoc on the Anderson plant, killing its microbiological treatment system and rendering the plant unable to treat other wastewater streams.

Not only were Guide’s chemicals entering the river, but so too were sewage and high levels of ammonia.

“It was a cascading failure,” said Scott Salmon, who served as DNR’s fish kill and restoration biologist for five years starting in 2012. “It was a perfect formula for killing fish.”

And the perfect storm for when it happened: Many folks at the state were out for the holiday, and the low, cold water meant the contamination was slower to dilute and degrade. The fish kill started slow and small, before it seemingly was out of control.

Bundy said they ended up collecting about nine tons of fish from the spot near his property. That was just a fraction of the more than 100 tons of dead fish that carpeted the White River.

“The state had to pay to dump 113 tons of fish in a landfill,” said Bill James, DNR’s Chief of Fisheries at the time of the spill. The fish were taken to the Twin Bridges Landfill in Danville. “I didn’t look that up. Those numbers are still stuck in my head these 20 years later.”

The state ultimately spent about \$2 million in its response, cleaning up the dead fish and assessing damages, according to Admire, the IDEM attorney. Then-Gov. Frank O’Bannon also called in the help of a few federal agencies – the FBI, Department of Justice and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – along with the Environmental Protection Agency to get to the bottom of what had happened.

O’Bannon made clear that those responsible for damaging natural resources would be held accountable – a consequence that had not always been so clear in Indiana.

Other fish kills could be assessed quickly and the report wrapped up within a week, James said. “This one was clearly a mystery and huge and growing and with no end in sight.”

As the investigation unfolded and the contamination was traced back to Guide, James said the company was less than cooperative. According to news reports, Guide continued to deny its role for several months, pointing to other industries in the area.

But the company then changed its tune, said Kyle Niederpruem, a former IndyStar reporter who covered the spill in its aftermath. “At a certain point, attorneys for

Guide realized there was no way to come up with a defense for it,” she said. “It happened, it occurred, it was catastrophic, it was chemical – better to get it resolved than to obfuscate.”

So at what many call warp speed for a case like this – less than two years from the time the state and EPA filed Clean Water Act complaints against Guide and its consultant Crown – a settlement was reached. Guide ultimately paid around \$14 million.

Some of that money came in the form of criminal penalties because of Guide’s deliberate degradation of the river. Some went to pay back damages incurred in the cleanup. The remainder, about \$6 million, went to setting up a restoration fund to bring the river back.

Not only did Guide Corp. put chemicals into the White River that killed more than four million fish along a 50 mile stretch, but investigations found that the company did so deliberately, knowing the damage it could cause. As a result, Guide faced criminal charges and ultimately plead guilty to seven negligent violations of the Clean Water Act.

James won’t forget his first few times on the river after the kill. As the chief of fisheries, one of James’ main priorities was to bring live fish back into the river. He and Bundy started working together in the months after the kill, realizing they couldn’t wait for a settlement to restock.

Bundy, his wife and a few others created the group White River Rescue. Through donations and selling Bundy’s decoy ducks – which became a sort of mascot for their efforts – they raised nearly \$150,000 in a matter of months. Then they worked with James to start buying fish.

Few had tried to restock a stretch of river this long from scratch before, but Bundy said they never doubted they could do it. They ultimately restocked about 1 million fish, of about 12 different types, along 50 miles of the river over several summers after the spill.

Restocking was just one aspect of the restoration efforts, according to Carl Wodrich with Indiana’s DNR and the project manager for the restoration fund. There were several categories of projects: clean-up of dumping sites along the river, increasing signage for safety, creating and improving public access points, and establishing conservation corridors and restoring habitat.

In the aftermath of the Guide spill and resulting fish kill, the EPA and state of Indiana filed complaints against the company for what many call Indiana’s worst environmental disaster.

The level of community involvement was unprecedented, Wodrich said. A Citizens Advisory Council was established to help make recommendations to the trustees on how to use the funds.

And the river has largely recovered, according to officials.

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## 'Mame,' 'Hello, Dolly!' composer Jerry Herman dies at 88

BY MARK KENNEDY  
Associated Press

Tony Award-winning composer Jerry Herman, who wrote the cheerful, good-natured music and lyrics for such classic shows as "Mame," "Hello, Dolly!" and "La Cage aux Folles," died Thursday. He was 88.

His goddaughter Jane Dorian confirmed his death to The Associated Press early Friday. He died of pulmonary complications in Miami, where he had been living with his partner, real estate broker Terry Marler.

The creator of 10 Broadway shows and contributor to several more, Herman won two Tony Awards for best musical: "Hello, Dolly!" in 1964 and "La Cage aux Folles" in 1983. He also won two Grammys — for the "Mame" cast album and "Hello, Dolly!" as song of the year — and was a Kennedy Center honoree. He had three original Broadway productions playing at the same time from February 1969 to May 1969.

Herman wrote in the Rodgers and Hammerstein tradition, an optimistic composer at a time when others in his profession were exploring darker feelings and material. Just a few of his song titles revealed his depth of hope: "I'll Be Here Tomorrow," "The Best of Times," "Tap Your Troubles Away," "It's Today," "We Need a Little Christmas" and "Before the Parade Passes By." Even the title song to "Hello, Dolly!" is an advertisement to enjoy life.

Herman also had a direct, simple sense of melody and his lyrics had a natural, unforced quality. Over the years, he told the AP in 1995, "critics have sort of

tossed me off as the popular and not the cerebral writer, and that was fine with me. That was exactly what I aimed at."

In accepting the Tony in 1984 for "La Cage aux Folles," Herman said, "This award forever shatters a myth about the musical theater. There's been a rumor around for a couple of years that the simple, hummable show tune was no longer welcome on Broadway. Well, it's alive and well at the Palace" Theatre.

Some saw that phrase — "the simple, hummable show tune" — as a subtle dig at Stephen Sondheim, known for challenging and complex songs and whose "Sunday in the Park with George" Herman had just bested. But Herman rejected any tension between the two musical theater giants.

"Only a small group of 'showbiz gossips' have constantly tried to create a feud between Mr. Sondheim and myself. I am as much of a Sondheim fan as you and everybody else in the world, and I believe that my comments upon winning the Tony for 'La Cage' clearly came from my delight with the show business community's endorsement of the simple melodic showtune which had been criticized by a few hard-nosed critics as being old fashioned," he said in a 2004 Q&A session with readers of Broadway.com.

Playwright Paul Rudnick on Friday praised Herman for providing "such joy." And director and choreographer Matthew Bourne said Herman's "feel-good shows full of melody and joy will live forever." Bernadette Peters, Elaine Paige and Carolee Carmello also

mourned his passing, with Donna Murphy thanking the composer for "countless moments of explosive joy, deep poignancy, profound inspiration, humor and heartbreak."

Herman was born in New York in 1931 and raised in Jersey City. His parents ran a children's summer camp in the Catskills and he taught himself the piano. He noted that when he was born, his mother had a view of Broadway's Winter Garden Theatre marquee from her hospital bed.

Herman dated his intention to write musicals to the time his parents took him to "Annie Get Your Gun" and he went home and played five of Irving Berlin's songs on the piano.

After graduating from the University of Miami, Herman headed back to New York, writing and playing piano in a jazz club. He made his Broadway debut in 1960 contributing songs to the review "From A to Z" — alongside material by Fred Ebb and Woody Allen — and the next year tackled the entire score to a musical about the founding of the state of Israel, "Milk and Honey." It earned him his first Tony nomination.

"Hello, Dolly!" starring Carol Channing opened in 1964 and ran for 2,844 performances, becoming Broadway's longest-running musical at the time. It won 10 Tonys and has been revived many times, most recently in 2017 with Bette Midler in the title role, a 19th-century widowed matchmaker who learns to live again.

"Mame" followed in 1966, starring Angela Lansbury, and went on to run for over 1,500 performances. She

handed him his Special Tony Award for Lifetime Achievement in 2009, saying he created songs like him: "bouncy, buoyant and optimistic."

In 1983 he had another hit with "La Cage aux Folles," a sweetly radical musical of its age, decades before the fight for marriage equality. It was a lavish adaptation of the successful French film about two gay men who own a splashy, drag nightclub on the Riviera. It contained the gay anthem "I Am What I Am" and ran for some 1,760 performances. Three of his shows, "Dear World," "The Grand Tour" and "Mack and Mabel," failed on Broadway.

Many of his songs have outlasted their vehicles: British ice skaters Torvill and Dean used the overture from "Mack and Mabel" to accompany a gold medal-winning routine in 1982. Writer-director Andrew Stanton used the Herman tunes "Put on Your Sunday Clothes" and "It Only Takes a Moment" to express the psyche of a love-starved, trash-compacting robot in the film "WALL-E."

Later in life, Herman composed a song for "Barney's Great Adventure," contributed the score for the 1996 made-for-TV movie "Mrs. Santa Claus" — earning Herman an Emmy nomination — and wrote his autobiography, "Showtune," published by Donald I. Fine.

He is survived by his partner, Marler, and his goddaughters — Dorian and Dorian's own daughter, Sarah Haspel. Dorian said plans for a memorial service are still in the works for the man whose songs she said "are always on our lips and in our hearts."

eyes of an adult has allowed him to appreciate how welcoming everyone has been.

"I take that to heart because that's something you don't see everywhere," he said. "Especially when you've been in Fort Wayne, where it's a little bit bigger city, not quite as personable."

### Komets game to celebrate Wabash County March 13

Wabash County will be the MVP during the third annual Wabash County Night at the Fort Wayne Komets game at 8:05 p.m. Friday, March 13, 2020 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne. While supplies last, tickets can be bought for \$15 per ticket at <https://groupmatics.events/event/Wabashcommunity3> or by emailing Mitch Meinholz at [mitch@komets.com](mailto:mitch@komets.com) or by calling 260-482-6812.

### Wabash Kiwanis Club's Pancake Day returns in March

The Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annual Pancake Day, which is the local service organization's largest annual fundraiser. The event will take place from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at the Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for those ages 13 years and older, and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12 years. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years and younger.

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(There's) a lot of opportunities for me to go and brush up on what I'm not good at," he said. "I try to be as honest as possible. I'm not going to deflect a question. I'm going to tell you if I

know it or if I don't know it. And if I don't know it, I'm going to try to figure it out."

Schortgen said one subject he hopes to expand his skill set with is animal sciences.

"I learned a long time ago it was better to say I don't know, but I can figure out," he said.

Schortgen said growing up some of his relatives lived in Wabash, so he was familiar with the area.

"As a kid, I would go to the drive-in movie theater. 'Pirates of the Caribbean' was the first movie I saw out there," he said.

Schortgen said seeing the community through the

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6. For complete guidelines visit [www.honeywellcenter.org/92-county-art-show](http://www.honeywellcenter.org/92-county-art-show). A public reception for this event will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020. For more information, contact Michele Hughes at [mhughes@HoneywellFoundation.org](mailto:mhughes@HoneywellFoundation.org) or call the Honeywell Center Box Office at 260-563-1102.

### Low Impact Fitness classes scheduled

Fitness that is both fun and free led by Mary Jo McClelland at 9:45 a.m. every Monday and Thursday, and 3 p.m. Wednesdays at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. There is no fee or registration required.

### Cancer care advocate available every Tuesday

A cancer care advocate is available from 1 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday at the Winchester Senior Center, 239 Bond St. No appointment is needed. This service is supported by the Hope Foundation and provided by Cancer Services out of Fort Wayne.

### Yoga classes scheduled on Tuesdays

Yoga for those who are intermediate to experienced levels have been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. The cost is \$10, and discount passes are available.

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visit the Honeywell Center website at [www.honeywellcenter.org](http://www.honeywellcenter.org) or call the Box Office at 260-563-1102.

### January Salamonie Senior Luncheon set

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon Monday, Jan. 6, 2020 at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Potato soup will be provided. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

### Red Cross schedules blood drive opportunity for Jan. 7, 2020

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood drive opportunity from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020 at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St.

### Artists sought for Honeywell Foundation's art competition

The Honeywell Foundation's Clark Gallery will be hosting its annual 92 County Art Show from Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020 through Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020. Entries will be accepted from

### Larry Dewayne Boring

July 6, 1945 - Dec. 27, 2019



Larry Dewayne Boring, 74, of Lagro, Indiana, died at 5:10 a.m., Friday, Dec. 27, 2019 at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. He was born July 6, 1945 in Wabash, Indiana to Clifford and Maxine (Easterday) Boring.

Larry married Karen Jernagan in Williamsport, Indiana on July 6, 1972. She died Sept. 3, 2013. He worked at Clark's Salvage Yard in Wabash, retiring in 1985 after 25 years. He was a Sergeant in the U.S. Army, serving in Vietnam. He was a member of the National American Legion. His hobbies include garden tractors and watching television.

He is survived by two children, Bobby (Melissa) Boring and Randy Boring, both of Lagro, 5 grandchildren, Sable (William) Shoue of Lagro, Audrey Boring of Chicago, Illinois, Tristen Winstead and Andrew (Em-



ily) Boring, both of Wabash, and Randy Boring of Lagro, 9 great grandchildren, and two sisters, Patricia (Donald) Smith of Ocoela, Indiana, and Beverly Kernel of Kokomo. He was also preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Barbara Cassidy, and Carol Laycock, and his grandson, Michael Lee Boring.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 30, 2019 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Rev. Rick Borgman officiating. Burial will be in Lagro Cemetery, Lagro. Friends may call 9:30 - 11 a.m. Monday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Wabash County Cancer Society.

The memorial guest book for Larry may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

### Donald A. Carpenter

Donald A. Carpenter, 74, passed away Dec. 24, 2019 at Saint Joseph Hospital, in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Donald will forever be loved and cherished in memory by his sons, James Carpenter, Charles Carpenter, Donald Carpenter and daughter, Beth Hubler all

of North Manchester. He is also survived by 2 brothers, 3 sisters, 6 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Full Gospel Tabernacle, 250 North Main Street, in Claypool, Indiana at a later date yet to be determined.

### Gary Duane Frey

Gary Duane Frey, 70, North Manchester, Indiana, passed away at 12:10 p.m. on Dec. 26, 2019 in his home.

Gary Frey is survived by his mother, Velma and step-father, Don Hantelman; wife, Mary Ann Frey; son, Barry Frey; 3 daughters, Jenny (Chad) Betten, Pauletta (Kevin) Runkel, and Sherry (Justin) Collins;

step-son, Eric (Lori) Dameron; 2 step-daughters, Beth (Keith) Starkweather and Candy (Ian) Poston; one sister, Dian (Donnie) Adkins; 9 grandchildren and 9 step-grandchildren; 8 step-great-grandchildren.

Family and friends may call Saturday, Dec. 28, 2019 from 10 a.m. - noon. Funeral services will begin at the conclusion on calling.

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Daily scripture

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

– Matthew 6:19-21

2 U.S. trade deals bring only temporary relief

A degree of resolution is finally in view in two of the fights Donald Trump has picked with the US's trade partners. Deals have been announced for a US-China trade truce and to finalise USMCA, the update to the North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada and Mexico. Either would help to mitigate the damage caused to two of the world's most intense trading relationships. But that is a heart-sinkingly low bar for success.

With this president, all announcements should be taken with scepticism. The full details of the US-China deal have not been published, and it is only billed as a preliminary deal for modest de-escalation while more comprehensive, and difficult, talks continue. Meanwhile, the signing of USMCA was briefly held up because of Mexican objections to details in US legislation aimed at bringing congressional Democrats on board.

In a best-case scenario, both agreements will stick. This is no guarantee that Trump will refrain from sabotaging trade relations in some other way. USMCA itself contains a revision and a sunset clause, setting businesses up for renewed uncertainty just a few years down the line.

The deal with China ostensibly rolls back some tariff increases

and suspends new ones, but contains problems of its own. Chinese promises to respect intellectual property rights can quickly turn into triggers for a new tariff war if Washington declares itself unsatisfied with Beijing's compliance. Worse is the promise to buy \$40B worth of soya and other US farm products. Agricultural purchasing targets, redolent of socialist five-year plans, fly in the face of Washington's traditional role as a defender of free markets. Ironically, Beijing is the one left having to insist that the quotas will have to satisfy market terms.

Under Trump, the US government is behaving like a bartering huckster rather than a maker and enforcer of rules under which the private sector can trade and thrive. That reflects a primitive understanding of trade, in which bilateral surpluses – sending more products abroad than Americans receive in return – are chalked up as victories. Lowering the costs of cross-border trade by agreeing on mutually binding rules, meanwhile, is anathema to the "America first" president.

Trump's trade strategy is bound to fail even on its own terms. Squeezing one bilateral trade deficit only means displacing it to other trading partners, as long as Americans consume more than they produce.

Vietnam's trade surplus with the US, for example, has soared as exporters take refuge there from the trade war with China.

Similarly, Washington will struggle to enforce external rules on others that it will not obey itself. The best way to encourage China to improve its intellectual property regime is to show that its own technology companies can benefit from rules applying globally.

The global trading order was not perfect before Trump's arrival. Complaints about China's disrespect for intellectual property were legitimate, though so were accusations of excessive patent and copyright protections in the US. Some workers and communities were hurt by the rapid economic restructuring globalisation facilitated.

But Trump has added new problems without fixing the old. USMCA mostly amounts to tweaks around the edges of Nafta; the China truce at best de-escalates a trade war of Trump's making. It is better to have these deals than to have nothing at all. Far better still would have been to avoid the uncertainty to begin with. The wreckage of the past few years is not made good by relief that further destruction has, for now, been put on hold.

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GOP is now the party of Trump, not Lincoln

Don't move on quite yet. Pause a moment before racing ahead to questions about what a Senate trial will look like or what impact all of this will have in November. Let what just happened sink in: On Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2019, Donald J. Trump became only the third U.S. president to be impeached by the House of Representatives. This will be his legacy for all time.

Knowing there will be an asterisk of shame next to his name in the history books drives Trump around the bend, apparently. But he earned it. Trump is precisely what the framers of the Constitution feared, an unethical and immoral president who would trample the nation's laws and institutions to keep himself in power. The House, led by Speaker Nancy Pelosi, stood up to tell him: No. Not here. Not now.

"What is at risk here is the very idea of America," House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, D-Calif., said, as he ended eight hours of often bitter debate. Moments later, the House approved two articles of impeachment charging Trump with abuse of power and obstruction of Congress.

The idea of America survives. At least for now.

Let me note, probably not for the last time, that this historic action wasn't taken by "the Democrats," although it is true that no Republicans voted to impeach. "The Democrats" have no standing under the Constitution to do anything. Schoolchildren will learn that it was the House, given the "sole" power of impeachment by our founding charter, that voted to mark Trump's presidency indelibly with the ultimate stain. And they will learn why.

The House impeachment inquiry assembled a compelling case that Trump used the power of his office to coerce a foreign government to publicly smear his most formidable potential rival in the coming election. The scheme was revealed by an anonymous whistleblower before it could be fully consummated. "In this case, he (Trump) got caught," Schiff said.

When the House demanded the administration produce witnesses and documents that could shed more light on the president's actions, Trump did not emulate prior presidents by claiming executive privilege and negotiating some sort of compromise. He claimed a kind of "absolute immunity" befitting a monarch or a dictator – and effectively mocked the separation-of-powers architecture on which our whole system of government is erected.

Trump thus joins Andrew Johnson and Bill Clinton as the only presidents to be impeached. Those impeachments were decried at the time as "partisan," too, and historians argue over whether they were justified. But nothing will ever erase them.

Last week's debate was fascinating on many levels. Impressionistically, on the Democratic side you saw a diverse group of lawmakers step up to the microphones and, with a few exceptions, deliver their remarks in measured tones. On the Republican side, you mostly saw a parade of white men who shouted, gesticulated and occasionally snarled.

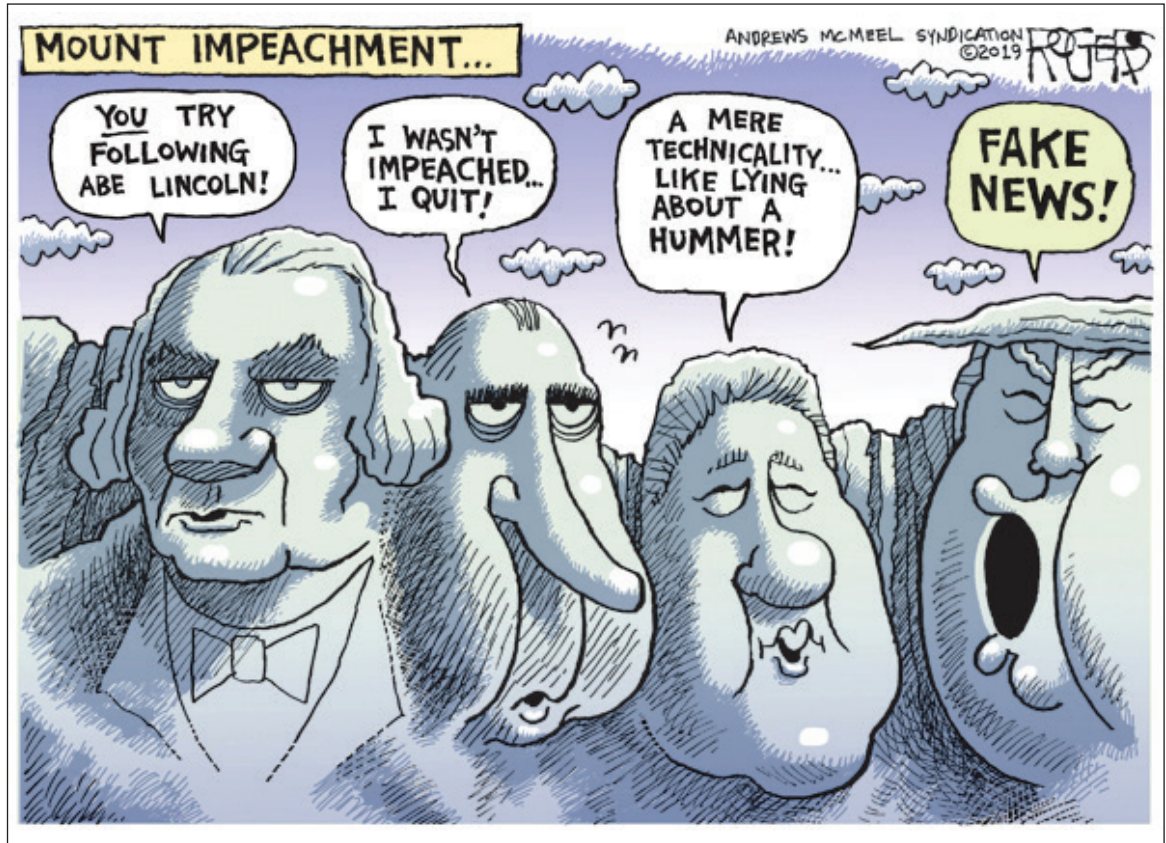
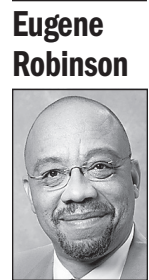
I listened to the whole debate and I don't believe I heard one of Trump's Republican defenders attest to his sterling character. I don't believe I heard one of them say that Trump would never do the things he is accused of doing. However, I did hear many Republicans seek to excuse Trump's conduct by noting that his scheme ultimately did not succeed. That says a lot about the president, and it says even more about the GOP, which once had the right to call itself the Party of Lincoln. Not anymore. It is now, without question, the Party of Trump.

We heard a lot from Republicans about the 63 million Americans who voted for Trump, about how Democrats "hate" them and find them "deplorable" and are trying to "deny them a say in their government." We heard not a peep from Republicans about the nearly 66 million Americans who voted for Hillary Clinton or the nearly 8 million who voted for other candidates. Note to the GOP: This impeachment can't "overturn the will of the American people." The Electoral College already did that.

But, of course, no one is disputing the result of the 2016 election. Trump was duly elected, according to the rules set out by the Constitution. Now he has been duly impeached, also according to the Constitution. This is how the system was designed to work.

Impeachment is the only tool we have to sanction, and potentially remove, a president. There are very good reasons why it has only been used three times in our history. And there are very good reasons why one of those impeachments was that of Donald J. Trump.

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New superintendent an opportunity for change

I'm such a cynic sometimes. The superintendent of our school district is retiring, and local education officials are making a big deal about considering public input in the naming of her replacement. I hate myself for it, but I find myself doubting their sincerity.

For one thing, they're using a prestigious firm to conduct a nationwide search, which means they're already pretty sure of what they want, and for another, they're convening a lot of focus groups, which can usually be counted on to say what conveners want to hear. They're also throwing the word "transparency" around like it's the attack dog that will grab any stray criticism by the throat and fling it to the ground. It seems as if they know they're supposed to be doing this in the public's interest, but their hearts really aren't in it.

But I will take them at their word and offer my input. I don't have children in the district but I am one of its taxpayers, so I have a stake in the process. Alas, that makes me a "stakeholder," which is another weasel word officials use to gull citizens into thinking they have more say than they actually do. (And if they ever start saying "synergy," there should be an immediate investigation, because that's an obvious signal somebody is up to no good.)

So, for what it's worth, our new school superintendent should:

Be local. Enough damage has been done by the roving band of professional educators who travel the country armed with the latest fads in pedagogy but have no knowledge of the special challenges and opportunities that make

up local conditions. If the school board doesn't already have a good crop of candidates from which to select a good candidate, it's doing something wrong.

Put students first. That means giving them the best education possible, wherever it is being offered. Instead of fighting initiatives such as vouchers and charter schools, the top public education official should welcome them as competitors that spur excellence. Local school districts are allowed to start their own charters, and they should be the concept's biggest advocates. It's a shame they aren't.

Stress basics. The knowledge base is expanding exponentially. The more there is to wade through, the more important it is for students to have a strong baseline that will help them comprehend it all. Reading, writing and arithmetic aren't throwbacks to a simpler age. They're needed now more than ever.

Teach citizenship. Schools are ill-equipped to be a student's sole gateway to the workplace, and they should not in any case be pushing teens and even pre-teens to quickly decide their lifelong career paths. But they are uniquely qualified to help our young people appreciate the Western values and American traditions they have inherited and should nurture and pass along.

Strive for excellence. Stop holding back the best and brightest students – set high standards, in fact, and hold all students accountable for trying to meet them. Not only disdain the trend of abandoning the naming of valedictorians and salutatorians, dedicate one of those charter schools to honors classes that it becomes a point of pride to qualify for.

Let teachers teach. Start taking away responsibilities that unnec-

essarily burden them. Cut back on the bloated administration to put more bodies in the classroom and pay them better. Stand up for them against half-baked schemes from legislative busybodies.

De-emphasize diversity. Nothing wrong with valuing our differences, but we've elevated our commitment to them to a pathological level. We should be paying much more attention to the things we have in common, and if schools don't do it, it won't get done.

Looking back on this partial list – shortened for the sake of brevity – it occurs to me why it won't be taken seriously. It's not just a wish list, it's actually a catalog of the things that are wrong with public education today.

That means it can't be achieved by one person, even if he or she were inclined to tackle it. The problem is that we all have a stake in education, but we no longer agree, if we ever did, on what its goals should be, let alone how to achieve them. We need to really think about that.

I have one suggestion on where we might start. Indiana schools have put so much emphasis on standardized tests that they're becoming all teachers can focus on and all students can worry about. They have started overshadowing everything else in public education.

But Indiana University has just announced it will give potential enrollees the option of not including standardized test scores on their college applications.

There is one huge disconnect there. Maybe our new superintendent can figure out why.

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# New Russian weapon can travel 27 times the speed of sound

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MOSCOW — A new intercontinental weapon that can fly 27 times the speed of sound became operational Friday, Russia’s defense minister reported to President Vladimir Putin, bolstering the country’s nuclear strike capability.

Putin has described the Avangard hypersonic glide vehicle as a technological breakthrough comparable to the 1957 Soviet launch of the first satellite. The new Russian weapon and a similar system being developed by China have troubled the United States, which has pondered defense strategies.

The Avangard is launched atop an intercontinental ballistic missile, but unlike a regular missile warhead that follows a predictable path after separation it can make sharp maneuvers in the atmosphere en route to target, making it much harder to intercept.

Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu informed Putin that the first missile unit equipped with the Avangard hypersonic glide vehicle entered combat duty.

The Strategic Missile Forces chief, Gen. Sergei Karayev, said during the call that the Avangard was put on duty with a unit in the Orenburg region in the southern Ural Mountains.

Putin unveiled the Avangard among other prospective weapons systems in his state-of-the-nation address in March 2018, noting that its ability to make sharp maneuvers on its way to a target will render missile defense useless.

The Russian leader noted that Avangard is designed us-

ing new composite materials to withstand temperatures of up to 3,632 Fahrenheit resulting from a flight through the atmosphere at hypersonic speeds.

The military said the Avangard is capable of flying 27 times faster than the speed of sound. It carries a nuclear weapon of up to 2 megatons.

Putin has said Russia had to develop the Avangard and other prospective weapons systems because of U.S. efforts to develop a missile defense system that he claimed could erode Russia’s nuclear deterrent. Moscow has scoffed at U.S. claims that its missile shield isn’t intended to counter Russia’s massive missile arsenals.

Earlier this week, Putin emphasized that Russia is the only country armed with hypersonic weapons. He noted that for the first time Russia is leading the world in developing an entire new class of weapons, unlike in the past when it was catching up with the U.S.

In December 2018, the Avangard was launched from the Dombrovskiy missile base in the southern Urals and successfully hit a practice target on the Kura shooting range on Kamchatka, 3,700 miles away.

Russian media reports indicated that the Avangard will first be mounted on Soviet-built RS-18B intercontinental ballistic missiles, code-named SS-19 by NATO. It is expected to be fitted to the prospective Sarmat heavy intercontinental ballistic missile after it becomes operational.

The Defense Ministry said last month it demonstrated the Avangard to a team of U.S. inspectors as part of

transparency measures under the New Start nuclear arms treaty with the U.S.

The Russian military previously had commissioned another hypersonic weapon of a smaller range.

The Kinzhal (Dagger), which is carried by MiG-31 fighter jets, entered service with the Russian air force last year. Putin has said the missile flies 10 times faster than the speed of sound, has a range of more than 1,250 miles and can carry a nuclear or a conventional warhead. The military said it is capable of hitting both land targets and navy ships.

China has tested its own hypersonic glide vehicle, believed to be capable of traveling at least five times the speed of sound. It displayed the weapon called Dong Feng 17, or DF-17, at a military parade marking the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Chinese state.

U.S. officials have talked about putting a layer of sensors in space to more quickly detect enemy missiles, particularly the hypersonic weapons. The administration also plans to study the idea of basing interceptors in space, so the U.S. can strike incoming enemy missiles during the first minutes of flight when the booster engines are still burning.

The Pentagon also has been working on the development of hypersonic weapons in recent years, and Defense Secretary Mark Esper said in August that he believes “it’s probably a matter of a couple of years” before the U.S. has one. He has called it a priority as the military works to develop new long-range fire capabilities.

# Iowa swung fiercely to Trump in 2016, but will it swing back in 2020?

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DES MOINES, Iowa — Few states have changed politically with the head-snapping speed of Iowa. Heading into 2020, the question is whether it’s going to change again.

In 2008, its voters propelled Barack Obama to the White House, as an overwhelmingly white state validated the candidacy of the first black president. A year later, Iowa’s Supreme Court sanctioned same-sex marriage, adding a voice of Midwestern sensibility to a national shift in public sentiment. In 2012, Iowa backed Obama again.

All that change proved too much, too fast, and it came as the Great Recession punished agricultural areas, shook the foundations of rural life and stoked a roiling sense of grievance.

By 2016, Donald Trump easily defeated Hillary Clinton in Iowa. Republicans were in control of the governor’s mansion and state legislature and held all but one U.S. House seat. For the first time since 1980, both U.S. Senate seats were in GOP hands.

What happened? Voters were slow to embrace Obama’s signature health care law. The recession depleted college-educated voters as a share of the rural population, and Republicans successfully painted Democrats’ as the party of coastal elites.

Those forces combined for a swift Republican resurgence and helped create a wide lane for Trump.

The self-proclaimed billionaire populist ended up carrying Iowa by a larger percentage of the vote than in Texas, winning 93 of Iowa’s 99 counties, including places like working-class Dubuque and Wapello counties, where no Republican since Dwight D. Eisenhower had won.

But now, as Democrats turn their focus to Iowa’s kick-off caucuses that begin the process of selecting Trump’s challenger, could the state be showing furtive signs of swinging back? Caucus turnout will provide some early measures of Democratic en-

thusiasm, and of what kind of candidate Iowa’s Democratic voters — who have a good record of picking the Democratic nominee — believe has the best chance against Trump.

If Iowa’s rightward swing has stalled, it could be a foreboding sign for Trump in other upper Midwestern states he carried by much smaller margins and would need to win again.

“They’ve gone too far to the right and there is the slow movement back,” Tom Vilsack, the only two-term Democratic governor in the past 50 years, said of Republicans. “This is an actual correction.”

Iowans unseated two Republican U.S. House members — and nearly a third — in 2018 during midterm elections where more Iowa voters in the aggregate chose a Democrat for federal office for the first time in a decade.

In doing so, Iowans sent the state’s first Democratic women to Congress: Cindy Axne, who dominated Des Moines and its suburbs, and Abby Finkenauer, who won in several working-class counties Trump carried.

Democrats won 14 of the 31 Iowa counties that Trump won in 2016 but Obama won in 2008, though Trump’s return to the ballot in 2020 could change all that.

“We won a number of legislative challenge races against incumbent Republicans,” veteran Iowa Democratic campaign consultant

Jeff Link said. “I think that leaves little question Iowa is up for grabs next year.”

There’s more going on in Iowa that simply a merely cyclical swing.

Iowa’s metropolitan areas, some of the fastest growing in the country over the past two decades, have given birth to a new political front where Democrats saw gains in 2018.

The once-GOP-leaning suburbs and exurbs, especially to the north and west of Des Moines and the corridor linking Cedar Rapids and the University of Iowa in Iowa City, swelled with college-educated adults in the past decade, giving rise to a new class of rising Democratic leaders.

“I don’t believe it was temporary,” Iowa State University economist David Swenson said of Democrats’ 2018 gains in suburban Des Moines and Cedar Rapids. “I think it is the inexorable outcome of demographic and educational shifts that have been going on.”

The Democratic caucuses will provide a test of how broad the change may be.

“I think it would be folly to say Iowa is not a competitive state,” said John Stineman, a veteran Iowa GOP campaign operative and political data analyst who is unaffiliated with the Trump campaign but has advised presidential and congressional campaigns over the past 25 years. “I believe Iowa is a swing state in 2020.”

# U.S. adds detail on how soldier died in Afghanistan this week

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WASHINGTON — A U.S. Special Forces soldier who died in Afghanistan this week was seizing a Taliban weapons cache when he was killed, the U.S. military said Friday.

Sgt. 1st Class Michael Goble was with his unit when its members discovered an undisclosed amount

of Taliban weapons in Kunduz Province, said Eric Pahon, a spokesman for the U.S. forces in Afghanistan. Pahon said Goble and others were clearing out the cache when an explosion happened.

Pahon said the Taliban wrongly claimed that the service members were in a convoy and targeted by a roadside bomb during a

raid.

Goble, 33, of Washington Township in Bergen County, New Jersey, was killed Monday and an Afghan service member was wounded. Goble served with the 1st Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group.

Details about what type of weapon or ammunition exploded are still under investigation.

# NYC increases police presence in Jewish areas after spate of attacks

BY JENNIFER PELTZ  
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NEW YORK — New York City is increasing its police presence in some Brooklyn neighborhoods with large Jewish populations after possibly anti-Semitic attacks during the Hanukkah holiday, Mayor Bill de Blasio said after the latest episode happened Friday.

Besides making officers more visible in Borough Park, Crown Heights and Williamsburg, police will boost visits to houses of worship and some other places, the mayor tweeted.

“Anti-Semitism is an attack on the values of our city — and we will confront it head-on,” the Democrat wrote. He went later Friday to Crown Heights and met with some representatives of the local Jewish community.

Around the city, police have gotten at least six reports this week — and eight since Dec. 13 — of attacks possibly propelled by anti-Jewish bias.

“It’s something that’s very alarming, and we treat it very seriously,” police Chief of Detectives Rodney Harrison said at a news conference Friday.

The latest incident happened around 12:40 a.m. Friday, when a woman slapped three other women in the face and head after encountering them on a Crown

Heights corner, police said. The victims, who range in age from 22 to 31, suffered minor pain, police said.

Tiffany Harris, 30, was arrested on a hate-crime harassment charge.

Her arrest came hours after a hate crime assault arrest in Brooklyn’s Gravesend neighborhood. There, police said, a woman was hit in the face with a bag by an attacker who made anti-Semitic comments Thursday afternoon. The victim, 34, was with a 3-year-old boy.

The suspect in Thursday’s attack, Ayana Logan, 42, and Harris were both awaiting arraignment Friday. It wasn’t clear whether they had lawyers who could comment on the charges, and no working telephone numbers for the suspects could immediately be found.

On Monday, a Miami man was charged with hate-crime assault after police said he made an anti-Semitic remark and attacked a man in midtown Manhattan. The 65-year-old victim was punched and kicked, suffering cuts, police said.

He had been wearing a yarmulke, according to former state Assemblyman Dov Hikind, who has founded a group dedicated to combating anti-Semitism.

Steven Jorge, 28, is being held without bail, and a judge ordered a psychiatric

exam for him, court records show. A message was left Friday for Jorge’s lawyer.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo told a state hate crimes task force to help police investigate the attack, calling it “a horrific and cowardly act of anti-Semitism.”

“It’s even more despicable that it occurred over the holidays,” the Democratic governor said in a statement Wednesday. Hanukkah began Sunday.

The New York Police Department’s Hate Crime Task Force is also investigating some other episodes this week as possibly motivated by anti-Semitism:

■ Officers were told that two boys, ages 6 and 7, were accosted by a group of people while getting off an elevator in a Williamsburg apartment building Monday night, and one of the boys was hit, Harrison said. The attackers fled.

■ A 25-year-old man told police he was walking on a Crown Heights street early Tuesday when a group of people started yelling anti-Semitic slurs at him and one threw a beverage at him. The suspects fled.

■ Later Tuesday in Crown Heights, a 56-year-old man said that a group of people approached him, and that one of them punched him, while he was walking. No arrests have been made.

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### Payton: Saints doing due diligence on WR Antonio Brown

METairie, La. (AP) — Saints coach Sean Payton says the club has no immediate plans to sign Antonio Brown after including him in a workout with six free-agent receivers Friday morning. Payton says the Saints are mainly doing their due diligence “on all of those players” and looking at how available players can help the team as it prepares to enter the playoffs.

Brown has not played since the New England Patriots cut him Sept. 20 amid multiple sexual assault accusations which have spawned an ongoing league investigation of the receiver.

Payton says the team would still have to seek information from the NFL on whether it would allow Brown to play if New Orleans chose to sign him.

Brown is a four-time All-Pro but has now been released by three teams since the end of last season.

### Former AFL Bills star receiver Elbert Dubenion dies at 86

Receiver Elbert Dubenion, who played key roles in the Buffalo Bills winning consecutive American Football League championships in the mid-1960s, has died. He was 86.

The Bills announced Dubenion died Thursday, 55 years to the day of Buffalo winning its first AFL title with a 20-7 victory over the San Diego Chargers. Dubenion was living in Ohio and had been battling Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's.

Born in Griffin, Georgia, Dubenion was nicknamed “Golden Wheels” for his speed. He played at Bluffton College in Ohio and was 27 when signed by the Bills before their inaugural season in 1960. He played his entire nine-year career in Buffalo and was enshrined on the team's Wall of Fame in 1995.

Dubenion led the Bills in yards receiving five times, including 1964, when he had 42 catches for a career-best 1,139 yards and 10 touchdowns.

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## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



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**LAYUP:** Southwood's Chase Lopez shoots a twisting layup during Southwood's game against Wabash in the JV tournament at the Wabash County Tournament.

# JV teams open up their County Tournament play

BY JACOB RUDE  
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### Girls JV: Southwood 43, Manchester 23

The Southwood JV girls' basketball opened the Wabash County Tournament on Friday morning with a convincing 43-23 win over Manchester.

After falling behind 2-0 on a pair Olivia Auler free throws, Southwood scored the next 10 points of the quarter with the first five coming from Alaina Winer. Bailey Wyatt and Aleia Sweet each added layups to push the advantage to 10-2 after one quarter.

Both sides scored four points in the fourth quarter as the eight-point advantage carried through halftime. Back-to-back three-pointers from Keilan Creager to open the third period cut the deficit quickly down to two points at 14-12 but Southwood just as quickly put the game out of reach.

The Knights used an 11-0 run to open the lead up to its biggest

of the night at 25-12 with Winer accounting for six points in the run. Southwood then opened the fourth with a 12-2 run as the lead ballooned to 39-20.

Winer finished as the leading scorer in the game with 16 points for the Knights. Auler had 10 points to lead the way for the Squires.

Southwood advances to Saturday's championship game at 10 a.m. Manchester will play in the third-place game in the East Gym.

### Boys JV: Southwood 46, Wabash 26

A strong defensive showing in the first half and a stronger offensive showing in the second half provided Southwood with a dominant win on Friday as the Knights boys' JV team downed Wabash 46-26.

The Knights scored the only four points in the first quarter and extended the lead to double digits by the end of the second quarter while limiting the Apaches to just

seven first-half points. Wabash came out of the gate strong in the second half with seven-straight points to cut the lead down to 17-14 and would trail just 24-18 after three quarters.

But Southwood outscored Wabash 22-8 in the final frame, blowing the game open with a 19-4 run to open the period to turn the six-point edge into a 43-22 lead.

Jason Oprisek and Derrick Smith each had nine points for Southwood. Wabash was paced by Colten Learned's seven points, all of those coming at the line in the third quarter. Jarrett Wilson had five.

### Girls JV: Northfield 32, Wabash 31

In the most exciting clash in the morning and early afternoon slate of games, the Northfield girls' JV team outlasted Wabash with Autumn Custer's layup with 60 seconds left being the difference in a

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Notre Dame eyes strong finish vs Iowa State in bowl matchup

BY FRED GOODALL  
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ORLANDO, Fla. — No team coming off an appearance in the College Football Playoff semifinals begins the next season with a goal of reaching the Camping World Bowl.

No. 14 Notre Dame (10-2, No. 15 CFP) welcomes the opportunity to play Iowa State (7-5) on Saturday, though, and the upset-minded Cyclones are just as excited about the potential long-term benefits of facing a marquee program such as the Fighting Irish.

“One of the really great things about bowl games is you are putting an exclamation point on a really powerful chapter of a senior class and the 2019 football team. But you're also having some leadership start to occur from what 2020 could look like and feel like,” Iowa State coach Matt Campbell said.

“Development and growth ... I think all those things are really, really important when you're really putting focus on building our program,” Campbell added. “That's what we've really done here, using all these opportunities to continue to not only better our present but better our future on top of it.”

For Notre Dame, which lost to Clemson in last season's CFP semifinals, it's a chance to finish another double-digit win year on a positive note. The Fighting Irish have won five straight following a 31-point road loss to Michigan in late October, reaching 10-plus victories in three consecutive seasons for the first time since 1991-93.

Quarterback Ian Book has led the way, throwing for 2,787 yards, 33 touchdowns and just six interceptions. Iowa State's 3-5-3 defensive scheme will pose some new challenges.

“We see quite a variety of defenses each year playing as an independent. This will rank as one of the more unique defenses,” Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly said. “This 3-5-3 configuration requires an attention to some things that we haven't seen. ... The structure that they run is a bit different than what we normally see.”

With four losses by a combined 11 points to teams finishing in the final CFP rankings, Iowa State is looking for a signature win that will set 2019 apart for 8-5 finishes the past two seasons. The Cyclones lost to CFP semifinalist Oklahoma 42-41, Baylor 23-21, Iowa 18-17 and Oklahoma State 34-27.

“I think this is another year where I talk a lot about faith and fear. I don't think we've ever been fearful of an opponent or a team or a situation, but I think sometimes we're fearful of making a mistake in the moment. And that's hard. It's hard to be your best when that's what it looks like,” Campbell said.

“This team I think really learned some unbelievable lessons in taking what we've learned, applying it obviously

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## YEAR IN REVIEW

# Kawhi Leonard is AP's male athlete of 2019

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He was the Fun Guy. The board man who got paid. He overcame injury to reclaim his rightful place as one of the very best basketball players on the planet. He conquered the NBA world for a second time, bringing a championship to Canada. And then he joined the Los Angeles Clippers, ready to start anew.

“What it do, baby?”

For Kawhi Leonard in 2019, there finally is an answer to his infamous question: He did everything, without talking much.

Leonard is The Associated Press' male athlete of the year for 2019, comfortably winning a vote by AP member sports editors and AP

beat writers. He becomes the fifth NBA player to win the award, joining Larry Bird (1986), three-time recipient Michael Jordan (1991 through 1993), three-time recipient LeBron James (2013, 2016, 2018) and Stephen Curry (2015). The award has been made annually since 1931, and Simone Biles was announced Thursday as the women's recipient for 2019.

Leonard was the NBA Finals MVP for the second time, leading Toronto to its first championship — five years after he first smudged his fingerprints on both trophies with the San Antonio Spurs. He wound up leaving the Raptors in the summer for the Clippers, returning to his native Southern Califor-

nia and turning the historically woeful franchise into one of the top teams in the league.

“The ride was fun,” Leonard said earlier this month on his return trip to Toronto, summing up his year with the Raptors. “I had a great time.”

By now, it's no secret that Leonard is a man of few words.

He is not a man of few accomplishments.

He received more than twice as many points in the balloting as any of the other 18 vote-getters. Baltimore Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson was second, followed by Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes, tennis star Rafael Nadal and reigning NBA

MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo of the Milwaukee Bucks.

“Kawhi's pretty steady,” said San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich, Leonard's former coach with the Spurs. “He's not a big talker. He doesn't try to find the lime-light or anything like that. He's just a good guy who wanted to be good.”

Somewhere along the way, he became great.

Leonard was the best player in last season's playoffs, after a regular season where he missed 22 games mostly because of what has become known as “load management” — the fancy term used on nights when he would sit out to rest. Leonard missed most of the 2017-18 season with the Spurs because of a

complicated leg issue, and the NBA said last month that he is still dealing with “an ongoing injury to the patella tendon in his left knee.”

He was limping at times in the playoffs, but it didn't matter. He averaged 30.5 points and 9.1 rebounds in the postseason, his 732 points in last year's playoffs ranking as the third-most in any NBA playoff year. In the biggest times, he came up the biggest — 15 points in the fourth quarter to carry Toronto past Milwaukee in the series-turning Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals, and 17 points in the fourth quarter of Game 4 of the NBA Finals against Golden State to put the

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ON THE AIR

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)**  
**11:30 a.m.**  
**ESPN2:** Brown at Duke  
**12 p.m.**  
**BTN:** Central Michigan at Purdue  
**FS1:** American at Georgetown  
**SECN:** Long Beach State at Florida  
**1:30 p.m.**  
**CBS:** Wisconsin at Tennessee  
**ESPN2:** New Orleans at Memphis  
**2 p.m.**  
**FS1:** Central Arkansas at Marquette  
**3 p.m.**  
**PAC-12N:** Texas Southern at Arizona State  
**3:45 p.m.**  
**CBS:** Louisville at Kentucky  
**4 p.m.**  
**BTN:** Florida International at Minnesota  
**FS1:** Louisiana (Monroe) at Butler  
**5 p.m.**  
**PAC-12N:** Cal State Fullerton at UCLA  
**6 p.m.**  
**FS1:** Midland at Creighton  
**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
**6 p.m.**  
**BTN:** Michigan State at Indiana  
**8 p.m.**  
**BTN:** Michigan at Maryland  
**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**  
**12 p.m.**  
**ABC:** The Camping World Bowl: Notre Dame vs. Iowa State, Orlando, Florida  
**ESPN:** The Cotton Bowl: Memphis vs. Penn State, Dallas  
**4 p.m.**  
**ESPN / ESPN2:** College Football Playoff: The Peach Bowl: Oklahoma vs. Louisiana State, Semifinal, Atlanta  
**8 p.m.**  
**ESPN / ESPN2:** College Football Playoff: The Fiesta Bowl: Clemson vs. Ohio State, Semifinal Glendale, Ariz.  
**NHL HOCKEY**  
**7 p.m.**  
**NHLN:** NY Rangers at Toronto  
**SOCCER (MEN'S)**  
**9:55 a.m.**  
**NBCSN:** Premier League: Everton at

Newcastle United  
**12:30 p.m.**  
**NBC:** Premier League: Tottenham at Norwich City  
**2:30 p.m.**  
**NBC:** Premier League: Manchester United at Burnley  
**TENNIS**  
**4 p.m.**  
**TENNIS:** ATP/WTa: The Hawaii Open, Finals, Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Sunday, Dec. 29**  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)**  
**12 p.m.**  
**BTN:** Bryant at Maryland  
**ESPNU:** Cornell at Penn State  
**FS1:** The Cleveland Classic: West Virginia vs. Ohio State, Cleveland  
**1:30 p.m.**  
**SECN:** Liberty at Louisiana State  
**2 p.m.**  
**BTN:** Texas A&M (Corpus Cristi) at Nebraska  
**ESPNU:** North Carolina A&T at Illinois  
**FS1:** Massachusetts (Lowell) at Michigan  
**PAC-12N:** Iona at Colorado  
**3 p.m.**  
**ABC:** Kansas at Stanford  
**4 p.m.**  
**ACCN:** Appalachian State at North Carolina State  
**BTN:** Hartford at Northwestern  
**ESPN2:** Navy at Virginia  
**ESPNU:** Kennesaw State at Iowa  
**PAC-12N:** Alabama State at Oregon  
**SECN:** Lipscomb at Auburn  
**5 p.m.**  
**NBCSN:** Loyola (Md.) at Virginia Commonwealth  
**6 p.m.**  
**BTN:** Arkansas at Indiana  
**PAC-12N:** Harvard at California  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**SECN:** Richmond at Alabama  
**8 p.m.**  
**BTN:** Western Michigan at Michigan State  
**PAC-12N:** Arkansas (Pine Bluff) at Washington State

**10 p.m.**  
**PAC-12N:** Florida Gulf Coast at Southern California  
**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
**12 p.m.**  
**ACCN:** North Carolina State at Boston College  
**2 p.m.**  
**ACCN:** Wake Forest at Miami  
**ESPN2:** Louisville at Syracuse  
**4 p.m.**  
**FS1:** Providence at Villanova  
**IIHF HOCKEY**  
**9 a.m.**  
**NHLN:** World Junior Championship: Finland vs. Kazakhstan , Trinec, Czech Republic  
**1 p.m.**  
**NHLN:** World Junior Championship: Russia vs. U.S., Ostravice, Czech Republic  
**NBA BASKETBALL**  
**8 p.m.**  
**NBATV:** Houston at New Orleans  
**9:30 p.m.**  
**ESPN:** Dallas at LA Lakers  
**NFL FOOTBALL**  
**1 p.m.**  
**CBS:** Regional Coverage: NY Jets at Buffalo, LA Chargers at Kansas City, Miami at New England  
**FOX:** Regional Coverage: Cleveland at Cincinnati, Green Bay at Detroit, Chicago at Minnesota, Atlanta at Tampa Bay, New Orleans at Carolina  
**4:25 p.m.**  
**CBS:** Regional Coverage: Oakland at Denver, Indianapolis at Jacksonville, Pittsburgh at Baltimore, Tennessee at Houston  
**FOX:** Regional Coverage: Arizona at LA Rams, Washington at Dallas, Philadelphia at NY Giants  
**8:20 p.m.**  
**NBC:** San Francisco at Seattle  
**SOCCER (MEN'S)**  
**8:55 a.m.**  
**NBCSN:** Premier League: Chelsea at Arsenal  
**11:25 a.m.**  
**NBCSN:** Premier League: Wolverhampton at Liverpool

SCOREBOARD

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

| East          |    |    |   |      |         |
|---------------|----|----|---|------|---------|
|               | W  | L  | T | Pct  | PF      |
| y-New England | 12 | 3  | 0 | .800 | 364 198 |
| x-Buffalo     | 10 | 5  | 0 | .667 | 308 246 |
| N.Y. Jets     | 6  | 9  | 0 | .400 | 263 353 |
| Miami         | 4  | 11 | 0 | .267 | 279 470 |

| South        |    |    |   |      |         |
|--------------|----|----|---|------|---------|
|              | W  | L  | T | Pct  | PF      |
| y-Houston    | 10 | 5  | 0 | .667 | 364 350 |
| Tennessee    | 8  | 7  | 0 | .533 | 367 317 |
| Indianapolis | 7  | 8  | 0 | .467 | 341 335 |
| Jacksonville | 5  | 10 | 0 | .333 | 262 377 |

| North       |    |    |   |      |         |
|-------------|----|----|---|------|---------|
|             | W  | L  | T | Pct  | PF      |
| y-Baltimore | 13 | 2  | 0 | .867 | 503 272 |
| Pittsburgh  | 8  | 7  | 0 | .533 | 279 275 |
| Cleveland   | 6  | 9  | 0 | .400 | 312 360 |
| Cincinnati  | 1  | 14 | 0 | .067 | 246 397 |

| West          |    |    |   |      |         |
|---------------|----|----|---|------|---------|
|               | W  | L  | T | Pct  | PF      |
| y-Kansas City | 11 | 4  | 0 | .733 | 420 287 |
| Oakland       | 7  | 8  | 0 | .467 | 298 403 |
| Denver        | 6  | 9  | 0 | .400 | 266 301 |
| L.A. Chargers | 5  | 10 | 0 | .333 | 316 314 |

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

| East         |   |    |   |      |         |
|--------------|---|----|---|------|---------|
|              | W | L  | T | Pct  | PF      |
| Philadelphia | 8 | 7  | 0 | .533 | 351 337 |
| Dallas       | 7 | 8  | 0 | .467 | 387 305 |
| N.Y. Giants  | 4 | 11 | 0 | .267 | 324 417 |
| Washington   | 3 | 12 | 0 | .200 | 255 388 |

| South         |    |    |   |      |         |
|---------------|----|----|---|------|---------|
|               | W  | L  | T | Pct  | PF      |
| y-New Orleans | 12 | 3  | 0 | .800 | 416 331 |
| Tampa Bay     | 7  | 8  | 0 | .467 | 436 421 |
| Atlanta       | 6  | 9  | 0 | .400 | 353 377 |
| Carolina      | 5  | 10 | 0 | .333 | 330 428 |

| North       |    |    |   |      |         |
|-------------|----|----|---|------|---------|
|             | W  | L  | T | Pct  | PF      |
| y-Green Bay | 12 | 3  | 0 | .800 | 353 293 |
| x-Minnesota | 10 | 5  | 0 | .667 | 388 282 |
| Chicago     | 7  | 8  | 0 | .467 | 259 279 |
| Detroit     | 3  | 11 | 1 | .233 | 321 400 |

| West            |    |   |   |      |         |
|-----------------|----|---|---|------|---------|
|                 | W  | L | T | Pct  | PF      |
| x-San Francisco | 12 | 3 | 0 | .800 | 453 289 |
| x-Seattle       | 11 | 4 | 0 | .733 | 384 372 |
| L.A. Rams       | 8  | 7 | 0 | .533 | 363 340 |
| Arizona         | 5  | 9 | 1 | .367 | 337 411 |

x-clinched playoff spot  
y-clinched division

**Sunday's Games**  
Chicago at Minnesota, 1 p.m.  
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.  
Miami at New England, 1 p.m.  
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.  
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.  
L.A. Chargers at Kansas City, 1 p.m.  
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, 1 p.m.  
New Orleans at Carolina, 1 p.m.  
Oakland at Denver, 4:25 p.m.  
Tennessee at Houston, 4:25 p.m.  
Washington at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.  
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 4:25 p.m.  
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 4:25 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 4:25 p.m.  
Arizona at L.A. Rams, 4:25 p.m.  
San Francisco at Seattle, 8:20 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

**Bowl Glance**  
**Friday, Dec. 20**  
**Bahamas Bowl**  
Nassau  
Buffalo 31, Charlotte 9  
**Frisco (Texas) Bowl**  
Kent State 51, Utah State 41  
**Saturday, Dec. 21**  
**Celebration Bowl**  
At Atlanta  
NC A&T 64, Alcorn State 44  
**New Mexico Bowl**  
Albuquerque  
San Diego State 48, Central Michigan 11  
**Cure Bowl**  
Orlando, Fla.  
Liberty 23, Georgia Southern 16  
**Boca Raton (Fla.) Bowl**  
FAU 52, SMU 28  
**Camellia Bowl**  
Montgomery, Ala.  
Arkansas State 34, FIU 26  
**Las Vegas Bowl**  
Washington 38, Boise State 7  
**New Orleans Bowl**  
Appalachian State 31, UAB 17  
**Monday, Dec. 23**  
**Gasparilla Bowl**  
At Tampa, Fla.  
UCF 48, Marshall 25  
**Tuesday, Dec. 24**  
**Hawaii Bowl**  
Honolulu  
Hawaii 38, BYU 34  
**Thursday, Dec. 26**  
**Independence Bowl**  
Shreveport, La.  
Louisiana Tech 14, Miami 0  
**Quick Lane Bowl**  
Detroit  
Pittsburgh 34, Eastern Michigan 30  
**Friday, Dec. 27**  
**Military Bowl**  
Annapolis, Md.  
North Carolina 55, Temple 13  
**Pinstripe Bowl**  
New York  
Wake Forest (8-4) vs. Michigan State (6-6)  
**Texas Bowl**  
Houston  
Oklahoma State (8-4) vs. Texas A&M (7-5)  
**Holiday Bowl**  
San Diego  
Iowa (9-3) vs. Southern Cal (8-4)  
**Cheez-It Bowl**  
Phoenix

Air Force (10-2) vs. Washington State (6-6)

**Saturday, Dec. 28**  
**Camping World Bowl**  
Orlando, Fla.

Notre Dame (10-2) vs. Iowa State (7-5), Noon (ABC)

**Cotton Bowl Classic**  
Arlington, Texas

Penn State (10-2) vs. Memphis (12-1), Noon (ESPN)

**Peach Bowl**  
Atlanta

CFP Semifinal, LSU (13-0) vs. Oklahoma (12-1), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

**Fiesta Bowl**  
Glendale, Ariz.

CFP Semifinal, Ohio State (13-0) vs. Clemson (13-0), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

**Monday, Dec. 30**  
**SERVPRO First Responder Bowl**  
Dallas

Western Kentucky (8-4) vs. Western Michigan (7-5), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)

**Music City Bowl**  
Nashville, Tenn.

Mississippi State (6-6) vs. Louisville (7-5), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

**Redbox Bowl**  
Santa Clara, Calif.

Illinois (6-6) vs. California (7-5), 4 p.m. (FOX)

**Orange Bowl**  
Miami Gardens, Fla.

Florida (10-2) vs. Virginia (9-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

**Tuesday, Dec. 31**  
**Belk Bowl**  
Charlotte, N.C.

Kentucky (7-5) vs. Virginia Tech (8-4), Noon (ESPN)

**Sun Bowl**  
El Paso, Texas

Florida State (6-6) vs. Arizona State (7-5), 2 p.m. (CBS)

**Liberty Bowl**  
Memphis, Tenn.

Kansas State (8-4) vs. Navy (10-2), 3:45 p.m. (ESPN)

**Arizona Bowl**  
Tucson, Ariz.

Wyoming (7-5) vs. Georgia St. (7-5), 4:30 p.m. (CBSSN)

**Alamo Bowl**  
San Antonio

Texas (7-5) vs. Utah (11-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

**Wednesday, Jan. 1**  
**Citrus Bowl**  
Orlando, Fla.

Michigan (9-3) vs. Alabama (10-2), 1 p.m. (ABC)

**Outback Bowl**  
Tampa, Fla.

Minnesota (10-2) vs. Auburn (9-3), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

**Rose Bowl**  
Pasadena, Calif.

Oregon (11-2) vs. Wisconsin (10-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN)

**Sugar Bowl**  
New Orleans

Georgia (11-2) vs. Baylor (11-2), 8:45 p.m. (ESPN)

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

| Atlantic Division |    |    |      |    |
|-------------------|----|----|------|----|
|                   | W  | L  | Pct  | GB |
| Boston            | 21 | 7  | .750 | —  |
| Philadelphia      | 23 | 10 | .697 | ½  |
| Toronto           | 21 | 10 | .677 | 1½ |
| Brooklyn          | 16 | 14 | .533 | 6  |
| New York          | 8  | 24 | .250 | 15 |

Southeast Division

|            | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
|------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Miami      | 22 | 8  | .733 | —   |
| Orlando    | 13 | 17 | .433 | 9   |
| Charlotte  | 13 | 20 | .394 | 10½ |
| Washington | 9  | 21 | .300 | 13  |
| Atlanta    | 6  | 25 | .194 | 16½ |

Central Division

|           | W  | L  | Pct  | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|----|
| Milwaukee | 27 | 5  | .844 | —  |
| Indiana   | 21 | 10 | .677 | 5½ |
| Chicago   | 12 | 20 | .375 | 15 |
| Detroit   | 12 | 20 | .375 | 15 |
| Cleveland | 9  | 23 | .300 | 17 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

| Southwest Division |    |    |      |     |
|--------------------|----|----|------|-----|
|                    | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
| Houston            | 2  | 10 | .677 | —   |
| Dallas             | 20 | 10 | .667 | ½   |
| San Antonio        | 12 | 18 | .400 | 8½  |
| Memphis            | 12 | 20 | .375 | 9½  |
| New Orleans        | 9  | 23 | .281 | 12½ |

Northwest Division

|               | W  | L  | Pct  | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|----|
| Denver        | 21 | 9  | .700 | —  |
| Utah          | 19 | 12 | .613 | 2½ |
| Oklahoma City | 15 | 15 | .500 | 6  |
| Portland      | 14 | 18 | .438 | 8  |
| Minnesota     | 11 | 19 | .367 | 10 |

Pacific Division

|               | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| L.A. Lakers   | 24 | 7  | .774 | —   |
| L.A. Clippers | 23 | 10 | .697 | 2   |
| Sacramento    | 12 | 19 | .387 | 12  |
| Phoenix       | 11 | 19 | .367 | 12½ |
| Golden State  | 8  | 24 | .250 | 16½ |

Thursday's Games

Detroit 132, Washington 102  
New York 94, Brooklyn 82  
Memphis 110, Oklahoma City 97  
Dallas 102, San Antonio 98  
Minnesota 105, Sacramento 104, 20T  
Utah 121, Portland 115

Friday's Games

Cleveland at Boston  
Oklahoma City at Charlotte  
Philadelphia at Orlando  
Milwaukee at Atlanta  
Indiana at Miami  
Phoenix at Golden State

Saturday's Games

Memphis at Denver, 5 p.m.  
Indiana at New Orleans, 7 p.m.  
Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.  
Atlanta at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
Brooklyn at Houston, 8 p.m.  
Cleveland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
New York at Washington, 8 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Miami, 8 p.m.  
Dallas at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.  
Detroit at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.  
Orlando at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.  
Phoenix at Sacramento, 9 p.m.  
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Oklahoma City at Toronto, 6 p.m.  
Charlotte at Washington, 8 p.m.  
Houston at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
Sacramento at Denver, 8 p.m.  
Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Monday's Games

Atlanta at Orlando, 7 p.m.  
Miami at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Brooklyn at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
Detroit at Utah, 9 p.m.  
Phoenix at Portland, 10 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

|          | GP | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF  | GA  |
|----------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Boston   | 38 | 22 | 7  | 9  | 53  | 130 | 100 |
| Toronto  | 38 | 20 | 14 | 4  | 44  | 133 | 122 |
| Montreal | 37 | 18 | 13 | 6  | 42  | 121 | 117 |
| Florida  | 36 | 18 | 13 | 5  | 41  | 127 | 121 |

Metropolitan Division

|                       |    |    |    |    |     |     |     |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Ottawa                | 38 | 16 | 18 | 4  | 36  | 106 | 123 |
| Detroit               | 38 | 9  | 26 | 3  | 21  | 82  | 150 |
| Metropolitan Division |    |    |    |    |     |     |     |
|                       | GP | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF  | GA  |
| Washington            | 38 | 26 | 7  | 5  | 57  | 137 | 111 |
| N.Y. Islanders        | 35 | 23 | 9  | 3  | 49  | 105 | 91  |
| Philadelphia          | 37 | 21 | 11 | 5  | 47  | 121 | 106 |
| Pittsburgh            | 36 | 21 | 11 | 4  | 46  | 120 | 96  |
| Carolina              | 37 | 22 | 13 | 2  | 46  | 124 | 102 |
| Columbus              | 37 | 17 | 14 | 6  | 40  | 98  | 106 |
| N.Y. Rangers          | 36 | 17 | 15 | 4  | 38  | 114 | 118 |
| New Jersey            | 36 | 12 | 19 | 5  | 29  | 91  | 128 |
| WESTERN CONFERENCE    |    |    |    |    |     |     |     |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

|           |    |    |    |   |    |     |     |
|-----------|----|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|
| St. Louis | 38 | 24 | 8  | 6 | 54 | 118 | 99  |
| Colorado  | 37 | 23 | 11 | 3 | 49 | 134 | 103 |
| Winnipeg  | 37 | 21 | 14 | 2 | 44 | 113 | 107 |
| Dallas    | 38 | 20 | 14 | 4 | 44 | 100 | 97  |
| Nashville | 36 | 18 | 12 | 6 | 42 | 126 | 116 |

Pacific Division

|             | Pacific Division |    |    |    |     |     |     |
|-------------|------------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
|             | GP               | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF  | GA  |
| Arizona     | 39               | 21 | 14 | 4  | 46  | 112 | 99  |
| Vegas       | 40               | 20 | 14 | 6  | 46  | 122 | 118 |
| Edmonton    | 40               | 20 | 16 | 4  | 44  | 117 | 124 |
| Calgary     | 39               | 19 | 15 | 5  | 43  | 104 | 116 |
| Vancouver   | 38               | 19 | 15 | 4  | 42  | 124 | 115 |
| Anaheim     | 37               | 15 | 18 | 4  | 34  | 96  | 114 |
| San Jose    | 38               | 16 | 20 | 2  | 34  | 101 | 133 |
| Los Angeles | 39               | 15 | 20 | 4  | 34  | 99  | 124 |

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for a tie, zero points for a loss. Overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference qualify for the playoffs.



COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Superpower semifinal: Ohio State, Clemson meet in the Fiesta Bowl

BY RALPH D. RUSSO  
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SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Clemson coach Dabo Swinney grew up an Alabama fan, when crowning a champion in college football was all about polls and bowls and the best teams often never got a chance to settle it on the field.

“It’d be pretty cool to go back in time and take some of those teams, get the top four, and kind of do the playoff,” Swinney said Friday during the final Fiesta Bowl news conference with Ohio State coach Ryan Day. “And that’s what we have. We have a really cool setup in college football.”

With the College Football Playoff, national champions are now undisputed. More often than not the title game has produced intrigue and thrills. What the playoff has lacked in its first five years is drama on semifinal day. Only two of the 10 semifinals have been one-score games. Average margin: 21 points.

The Fiesta Bowl has a chance to buck the trend. No. 2 Ohio State (13-0) faces Swinney’s third-seeded, defending national champion Tigers (13-0) on Saturday night in a rare CFP semifinal that feels a like it could be a championship game.

Clemson has won 28 straight games, the nation’s longest current streak. The Tigers are No. 1 in the nation in points allowed and No. 4 in points scored. Ohio State has won 19 straight games, second only to Clemson. The Buckeyes are No. 1 in the nation in scoring and No. 3 in points allowed. The winner advances to the national title game on Jan. 13 in New Orleans to face either No. 1 LSU or No. 4 Oklahoma.

“When you look at the guys on both sides of the ball on both teams, you’ve got a lot of NFL players who will be playing for a long time,” Ohio State coach Ryan Day said. “It will be fun to see those guys playing against each other and competing. But you talk

about a collection of power, speed, strength, you kind of look on both sides. It’s there.

“Clemson, they’re strong, they’re powerful, they’re tough. They’re fast. They have speed. We have speed. They have a really good quarterback. We have a really good quarterback. They have a really good running back; we have a really good running back. It goes back and forth. It will be fun to watch.”

Of course, Swinney loves the playoff. Clemson is making its fifth straight appearance as Atlantic Coast Conference champion. The Tigers have played in three CFP championship games and won two of the last three titles. They have nudged Alabama to the side and now stand with the Crimson Tide as college football’s gold standard.

Ohio State has been just below that tier of two. The Buckeyes won the first College Football Playoff in 2014, making a run from the fourth seed, but have made only one appearance since.

It did not go well. Clemson beat Ohio State 31-0 in the 2016 Fiesta Bowl, maybe the low point in what has been one of the great runs in the history of the storied program. In the last nine years under coach Urban Meyer and Day, the Buckeyes are 96-9 with four Big Ten titles.

“I know that we’re always in the conversation year in and year out, and have been since (the playoff) started,” Day said. “Some of the things that have happened in the past have nothing to do with this team, with this coaching staff.”

Day’s first season as Meyer’s replacement has unleashed a different kind of Ohio State offense, featuring a different kind of Ohio State quarterback.

Justin Fields arrived as a transfer from Georgia with all the best talents of recent Ohio State quarterbacks rolled into one 6-foot-3, 225-pound package. Fields, a former five-star re-

cruit, can sling it like Dwayne Haskins and run it like J.T. Barrett — except he might be better at both.

Fields has 40 touchdown passes, 10 touchdown runs and has thrown just one interception.

“Big arm. Able to hit his holes. Sit it in the pocket. Taking whatever needs to be done,” Clemson safety Tanner Muse said. “He’s a very strong guy. And then his legs. I think his legs are what make him an elite player.”

On the other side, Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence, a Georgia native like Fields, already has a national championship on his resume. Last year, he became the first freshman quarterback since 1985 to lead his team to a title.

“Unbelievable player,” Ohio State linebacker Tuf Borland said. “You can’t say enough good things about him. You guys see him sitting back there and making throws all over the field. He’s also able to extend the play, when he gets out of the pocket and finds some open guys.”

For as good as the Buckeyes and Tigers have been this season, both have tried to position themselves as disrespected underdogs.

The Buckeyes are quick to point out they weren’t picked to win the Big Ten and they will come into the game with the better seed but about a 2-point underdog.

Swinney has complained all year that Clemson was not getting the usual respect granted to a defending national champion. He made sure to point out to his team that it was the first since 1966 to start to the season No. 1 in the AP poll, win all of its games, and finish No. 3.

Nobody is really buying any of it. For the first time in the College Football Playoff a semifinal features a matchup of superpowers.

“It is a national championship game,” Swinney said, “because if we don’t win it, we ain’t going to the national championship game.”

NFL

Eli Manning likely making his final appearance with New York Giants

BY TOM CANAVAN  
AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The man who has been the face of the New York Giants since 2004 is probably going to make his final appearance for them this weekend.

Eli Manning’s 16-year career with New York, in which he helped restore the Giants as a title force in the NFL and led them to two Super Bowl victories, likely will come to an end Sunday. The Giants will try to spoil the Philadelphia Eagles’ bid to win the NFC East.

If it is the end, Manning will leave with almost every Giants passing record; two NFL championships; two Super Bowl MVPs; a streak of 210 consecutive starts between 2004-17; a Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award; and the respect of his teammates.

No doubt the last eight years have been tough. New York has made the playoffs once since winning the championship for the 2011 season, and that’s taken a toll on his tenure and his prospects for selection to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

That’s just the stuff on the surface. To his teammates, friends and coaches, Manning will always be the player’s player, a classy, giving guy, a family man and a football intellect who wanted nothing more than to

help his teammates win games.

What’s little known is Manning the prankster, the quiet imp who found a way to get his teammates to laugh.

The pranks are legendary. The No. 1 overall draft pick in 2004 — by San Diego before a quick trade to the Giants — would borrow a teammate’s cell phone and change the language. He would put a dye in the socks of his offensive linemen that would turn their toes blue for weeks.

Former center Shaun O’Hara made the mistake of getting into a disagreement with his quarterback and found his car coated with petroleum jelly and baby powder. Try to get that off.

Make no mistake, Manning isn’t going out the way he would like. First-round pick Daniel Jones will be the starting quarterback Sunday in a game that may decide the division title.

Manning will be standing on the sideline watching, like he has most of the season. He lost his starting role after the second game, although he did write a heart-warming final chapter at home in leading the Giants to a 36-20 win over the Miami Dolphins two weeks ago.

Though disappointed, Manning never hesitated to help Jones, the No. 6 overall choice in the draft.

“To have a guy like that to work with every day and to learn football, learn how the NFL works, has been ... I’ve

been fortunate to be in that position,” Jones said. “He’s a fun guy to hang out with, he’s a fun guy to come to work with; you learn a lot just hanging around him. I’ve been lucky to be around him.”

Veteran receiver Golden Tate III has been amazed by how Manning went out of his way to help the 22-year-old who took away his job.

“With everything that has gone on with him and D.J. he stayed consistent to who he is, still the witty, funny guy, jokester,” Tate said. “He has remained upbeat and we all noticed that and appreciated it. I can’t say I would’ve handled the situation the way he did, with the New York media and being that guy for so long until all the sudden it’s not.”

Manning, who earned \$23.2 million in the final year of his contact, has not disclosed his future plans. It’s obvious he does not want to be a backup. With the right team and a good offensive line, he can still make plays.

“He is really special for a lot of the reasons that won’t ever go down on a stat sheet, in my opinion,” said offensive coordinator Mike Shula, who seemed on the verge of tears talking about Manning. “Watching him how he is with you all, with his teammates, with coaches, handling the situation earlier this year. It’s just unbelievable. I’ll never forget it.”

With just over a minute left, Custer would come up with the play of the game, stripping the Apache ballhandler of the ball near midcourt and racing in for an uncontested layup to give the Norse a 32-31 advantage.

A frantic final minute saw both sides gain and lose possession but, eventually, neither side would be able to finish at the rim as the Norse held on for the win.

Custer led the Norse with 10 while Tracy had a game-high 12 points for Wabash. Northfield will meet Southwood in the championship game while Wabash will take on Manchester in the consolation game. Both contests start at 10 a.m.

Boys JV: Manchester 40, Northfield 30

The Manchester JV boys’ basketball team clamped down defensively in the fourth quarter to secure a spot in the Wabash County Tournament championship game on Saturday, downing Northfield 40-30.

Entering the fourth up only one point, Manchester outscored the hosts

13-4 including a string of 11 consecutive points in the middle of the period. The Squires had a pair of strong defensive quarters, holding the Norse scoreless in the second period on the day.

Northfield, though, did plenty of damage in the other two periods. The Norse took an early 12-8 lead in the opening quarter and played stingy defense themselves in the second period to head into the half down only 13-12 after the scoreless frame.

Noah Burkhart scored seconds into the third period to restore the lead as the teams swapped leads in the third period. But a pair of free throws from Maddox Zolman gave the Squires a 23-21 lead that they would not relinquish the rest of the way.

Ridge Fierstos and Zolman each had 11 in the win for Manchester. Eli Kroh had 11 for Northfield.

The Squires advance to Saturday’s championship game against Southwood at 11:45 a.m. against Southwood. Wabash will meet Northfield in the consolation game at the same time.

NFL

Eagles play their best when they can’t afford to lose

BY ROB MAADDI  
AP Pro Football Writer

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Eagles have been at their best facing elimination.

They’ve won three in a row to improve to 8-7 and enter Sunday’s game at the New York Giants (4-11) needing another victory to secure the NFC East title.

But New York is no push-over. The Giants have scored 77 points in two straight wins. They also had a 17-3 halftime lead in Philadelphia on Dec. 9 before Carson Wentz rallied the Eagles to a 23-17 overtime victory.

“That’s a real thing,” Eagles coach Doug Pederson said Friday about fear of a letdown. “For me, it’s just about communication and just bringing it to kind of the forefront of my messaging to the team.”

The Eagles moved into sole possession of first place with a 17-9 win over Dallas that came down to an incomplete pass on fourth down in the end zone. They could still win the division if they lose to the Giants but would need the Cowboys (7-8) to lose at home to the Redskins (3-12).

“We poured a lot into that win on Sunday, and that’s the thing that I think coming into the next week, is having that mental and emotional letdown,” Pederson said. “This is a bigger game obviously than last week. I know our guys are going to be ready. They’ve prepared this week that way. But for me as the coach, just keep reminding them the importance of this week and the importance of this game and staying focused and all that.”

The Eagles are 10-1 in must-win games over the past three seasons, including the playoffs.

In 2017, they cruised to the

NFC’s No. 1 seed and won three playoff games to capture the first Super Bowl in franchise history.

Last year, they had to win their final three games after a 6-7 start and also needed help in Week 17 — a Vikings loss to the Bears — to earn a wild-card spot. It worked out and then they beat Chicago on the road in the first round before losing at New Orleans in a divisional playoff.

The Eagles were 5-7 this season following a loss at Miami on Dec. 1 but still controlled their playoff hopes because Dallas was 6-6. They had to win out to win the division. The first three wins are now in the books.

The winning streak started when Wentz rallied the team against the Giants, tossing a touchdown pass to Zach Ertz to tie it with 1:56 left and another one to Ertz in OT to win it.

“We started playing together, executing better in the second half and found a rhythm and we feel good and have confidence going into this game,” Wentz said. “We have to win this one just like the last few weeks. Everyone knows that. We’ve had a couple emotional wins. As leaders and coaches, we’ve done a good job making sure guys are still bought into the here and now and not dwelling on the past or looking ahead. We have our work cut out for us. If we win, we’re in so we know what’s at stake.”

Wentz led the Eagles to another comeback victory at Washington two weeks ago, tossing a TD pass to Greg Ward with 32 seconds remaining.

Now, the division is on the line against the Giants. The Eagles will face Daniel Jones for the first time. Eli Manning started when the teams met this month.

IRISH

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this week but really taking it into the offseason and saying how do we continue to make a really powerful step forward,” the coach added. “That part is really exciting.”

CLOSE CALLS

Iowa State’s five losses, all to teams playing in bowl games, came by a combined 21 points. The Cyclones led or were tied in fourth quarter in four of them.

In the other, they missed a two-point conversion try with 24 seconds remaining that would have given them the lead against Oklahoma for the first time. Iowa State, Washington and Oklahoma are the only Power-5 schools that haven’t lost a game by more than 14 points over the

last three seasons.

STRONG STARTS

Notre Dame has allowed just 3.67 points in the first quarter this season, holding six opponents scoreless. The Fighting Irish outscored the opposition 101-44 during the opening 15 minutes and 245-113 in the first half.

PURDY GOOD

Iowa State had one of the best passing attacks in the Big 12 this season, with sophomore Brock Purdy throwing for 3,760 yards, 27 TDs and nine interceptions.

“He’s got bits and pieces of so many guys that we’ve gone against before. I think probably the one thing that stands out for me is just a great competitor,” Kelly said. “You don’t want the ball in his hand with a couple minutes left.”

LEONARD

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Raptors on the cusp of the title.

And, of course, he made The Shot: the four-bounce-off-the-rim, at-the-buzzer jump shot from the corner to beat Philadelphia in Game 7 of the second round.

“Without a doubt,” Raptors coach Nick Nurse mused during the playoff run, “the best thing about this thing is that somehow I wound up on the sideline getting to watch this guy play up close.”

Leonard performed at that lofty level even while dealing with a major distraction. During the NBA Finals, it was revealed that Leonard filed a federal lawsuit against Nike and claimed the footwear and apparel giant was blocking him from using a logo that he believes he owns.

“There’s a lot of guys that are like, ‘Look, I’m going to find a way to win and in a seven-game series I’m going to get the best of you in the end,’” said Miami’s Jimmy Butler, who was with Phila-

delphia last season and saw up-close what makes Leonard tick. “But he’s definitely up there. Your respect just grows. Push, pull, whatever he’s got to do. ... He’s going to find a way.”

During the playoffs, Leonard’s “I’m a fun guy” quote that he offered on his arrival in Toronto became a meme and a marketing slogan. So did his “Board man gets paid” line. And after the Raptors won the title, Serge Ibaka’s video of Leonard went viral — they were in the back of a car, on the way to the parade, and Ibaka teed him up for the next unforgettable saying.

“Fun Guy, what’s up baby?” Ibaka asked.

The answer was classic Leonard. Short, to the point. “I’m playing to have fun and try to be the best player I can be,” Leonard said. “I’m happy with myself and what I have done in my career and I’m just going to keep on from there. It’s not about me being famous or want to have more fame than those guys. It’s about me playing basketball and having fun on the floor.”

TOURNAMENT

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32-31 Norse win.

In a game where neither side found separation throughout, the two sides spent much of the fourth quarter swapping the lead after heading into the period tied at 22 apiece.

Northfield on a free throw from Custer. After missing the second, Crysta Kowalczyk would convert an offensive rebound into a layup for a 25-22 lead.

Wabash would eventually come back to tie the game with a free throw from Emma Tracy and a basket from Hannah Layne, tying the game at 27-27. While Northfield briefly moved ahead on a free throw from Maci Buzard, Wabash retook the lead on a layup from Brook Westendorf.

From there, the lead continued to change hands. Custer would knock down a pair of free throws with two minutes left to give her side a 30-29 lead but Westendorf answered with a layup to retake the lead at 31-30.



# Behavior of groom’s mother at reception creates drama

**DEAR ABBY:** My sister was married recently. At the reception, her new mother-in-law was seen by multiple guests gesturing with her two middle fingers while the father of the bride was giving his toast. It was a very formal event, and it was shocking to see an adult act like this. Our family feels embarrassed and insulted because we hosted the wedding, but our biggest concern is how can the bride move forward?

## Dear Abby



When the groom politely approached his mom about a week after the wedding, she refused to acknowledge it, insisted it was an “inside joke,” and then gave him a long list of complaints about our family. (I suppose they were her justifications for her behavior.) She refuses to apologize. I feel she should extend an olive branch and apologize to my sister and our parents, but at the very least make amends with her new daughter-in-law. It upsets me that she doesn’t care about building a good relationship with my sister.

My sister was brought up to take responsibility for her actions. It’s hard for her to move on when her mother-in-law refuses to speak of it. Should she really just act like nothing happened? – Sister Of The Bride

**DEAR SISTER:** The groom’s mother’s inhibitions may have been lowered because she was intoxicated when she did what she did, and that may also be the reason she won’t speak of it, even to her son. It’s an embarrassment for THEIR family, not yours. The woman isn’t someone you will be forced to interact with often on an intimate basis. That burden falls upon your sister, who has my sympathy because it appears her M-I-L is going to be a handful. Please allow me to offer you some advice: Stay out of this and let your sister and her husband handle it.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a daughter of a blue-collar father. I admire him greatly and am beyond grateful for all his sacrifices. He worked more than six days a week for 30 years to give us a nice life. When I went to college more than 10 years ago, I took out student loans because my parents couldn’t afford to help me financially. I still pay a large amount each month and I see it bothers my father. I have told him many times how grateful I am for his sacrifices and that I manage to pay my student loans each month. However, I know it still bothers him. He keeps saying, “When I die, I’ll take care of you.” I don’t want him to carry around this burden, especially since he’s already done so much so we can live comfortably. How can I erase the guilt he feels about my school loans? – Concerned Daughter

**DEAR CONCERNED:** For your own sake, it’s time to realize you cannot wave a magic wand and change the way your father feels. From your description, he seems like a wonderful man. Continue to express gratitude and respect for what he has done for you. Stop discussing your ongoing loan payments, and let your successful life be the proof of your father’s diligent efforts.

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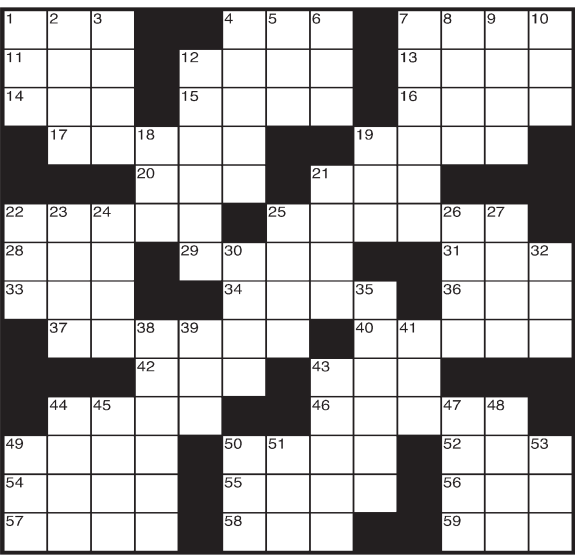
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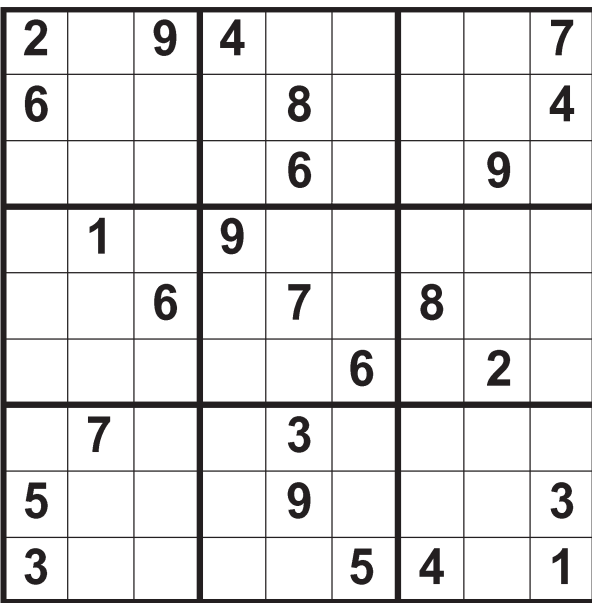


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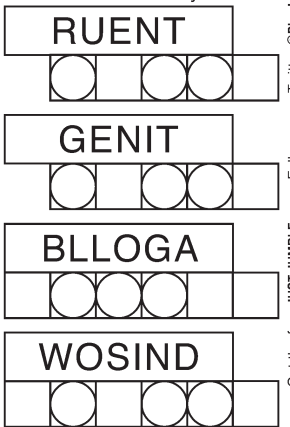
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## JUMBLE

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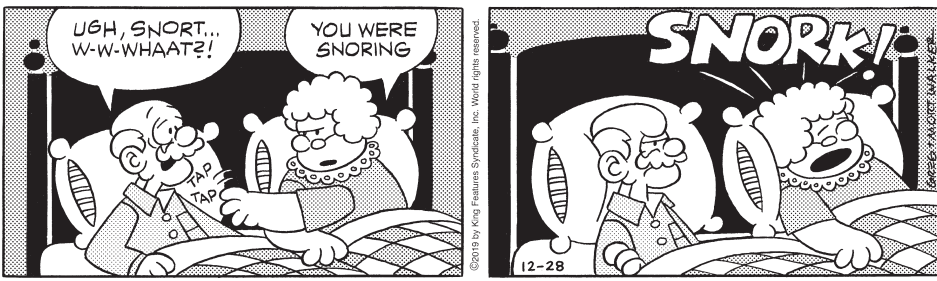
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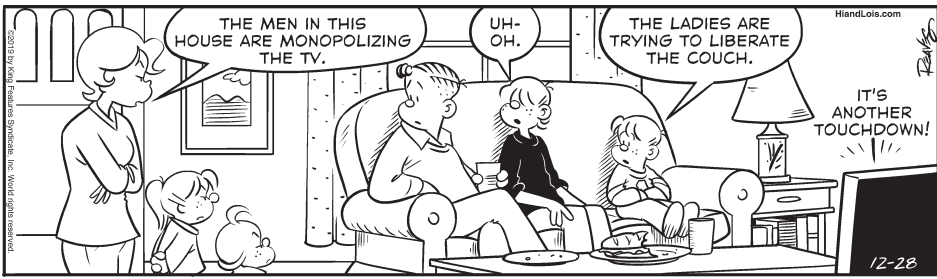
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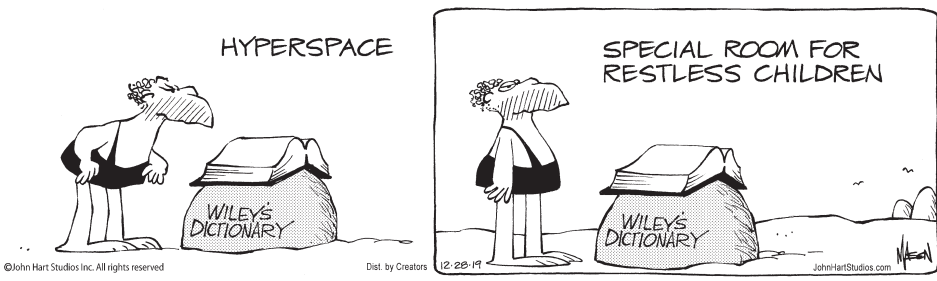
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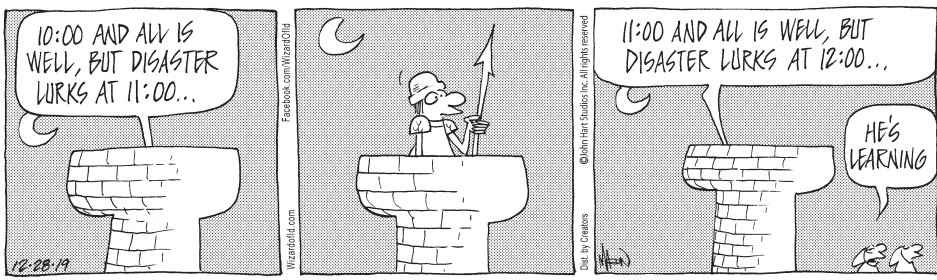
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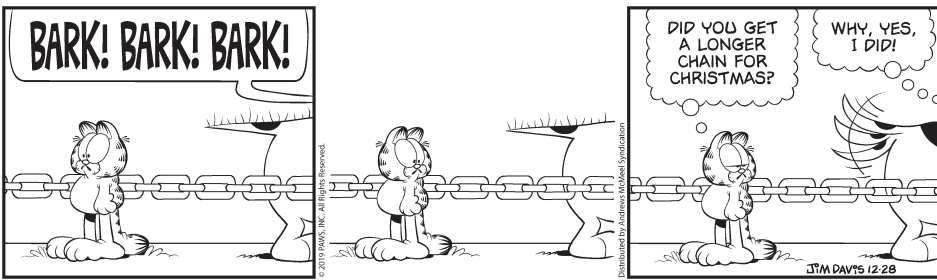
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# It’s important to spend time with God

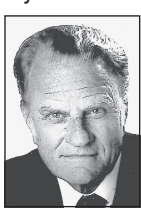
From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q:** How can we come near to God? – F.S.

**A:** The first step to coming near to God is at the point of salvation.

Those who enter into this relationship with Jesus Christ as Savior of the soul, have been connected to the Source: “I am the

**Billy Graham**  
My Answer



vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in Him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing” (John 15:5). This is called “being in Christ.” When this happens, we also develop relationships with others who belong to the Lord. This helps us draw near to Him when we have fellowship with one another. The key to all of this, though, is the importance of spending time with

God through the reading and studying of His Word and through prayer. This takes discipline and God stands ready to empower us to do what we know we cannot do in our own strength or will. He gives us the will – the determination – to do this. And when we do, we find strength for the journey, gaining wisdom each step of the way.

Many say, “Oh, that is not possible for me to do ... my life is very busy!” If such thoughts plague you, it is the devil putting them in your mind.

Every day has exactly 1,440 minutes. If we cannot find even 10 minutes each day to spend with the One who has saved us from our past sin, we will never lead the kind of life God desires.

We shouldn’t wait for spare time; there rarely is. God deserves the best minutes of our day. Just as we set time aside to eat, or to work, or to enjoy a form of entertainment, we should first carve out time to commune with God and to meditate on His truth. This is the key to life.

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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